

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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SUSAN HAINES, as Administratrix
ad Prosequendum and Executrix of
the Estate of Peter F. Rossi,

Plaintiff

VS.

LIGGETT GROUP, INC., a Delaware
corporation, LOEW's THEATRES, INC.,
a New York corporation, R.J. REYNOLDS
TOBACCO COMPANY, a New Jersey
corporation, PHILIP MORRIS, INC., a
Virginia corporation, the TOBACCO
INSTITUTE,

Defendants

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* H.Lee Sarokin
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* No.84-678 (SA)

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1 DR. DARRYL CARTER,

2 having been previously duly sworn, was

3 further examined and testified as follows:

4 CONTINUED DIRECT EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. YOUNG:

6 Q We are back on the record. Doctor, I will
7 once again hand to you another check payable to the
8 order of Darryl Carter, M.D., in the amount of Two
9 Thousand Four Hundred Dollars.

10 A Thank you.

11 Q And Doctor, I will remind you that you are
12 still sworn and as I said yesterday, if I ask you
13 questions that don't make sense to you or you just
14 don't understand what I'm asking, then please note that
15 to me and I will try to rephrase them, all right?

16 A Okay.

17 Q Similarly, if I ask you a question that you
18 don't know the answer to, don't attempt to guess. Just
19 let me know that you just don't know the answer, all
20 right?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And I'm going to assume once again your
23 answers are based upon your personal knowledge or your
24 professional opinion to a reasonable degree of medical
25 probability.

1 A Yes.

2 Q And finally, as I said yesterday, if I ask
3 you a question that can reasonably be answered with a
4 "yes" or "no", I would appreciate it if you would do
5 that.

6 A Okay.

7 Q Now, yesterday, we talked briefly about your
8 diagnosis, we talked extensively about your diagnosis
9 of poorly differentiated adenocarcinoma for Mr. Rossi?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And I think you said, I would like you to
12 correct me if I'm wrong, that that diagnosis is a
13 diagnosis which is applicable under the criteria
14 established by the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology
15 and the World Health Organization, is that correct?

16 A Basically they're the same. When Dr.
17 Eggleston and I wrote the fascicle, the people that,
18 editorial board of the fascicle put us in touch with
19 and has us meet with the WHO group to make sure that
20 there was no serious disagreement between what we wrote
21 in the fascicle and what the WHO was about to come out
22 with as the second version of the classifications of
23 lung cancers. So, they're not different. They're
24 essentially the same. And it's not by accident, it's
25 by design.

1 Q Okay. And if you were asked to classify Mr.
2 Rossi's tumor under the AFIP it would be poorly
3 differentiated adenocarcinoma, right?

4 A Yes.

5 Q If you were asked to classify it using
6 strictly the WHO criteria it would still be poorly
7 differentiated adenocarcinoma?

8 A Yes.

9 Q You indicated yesterday that you knew Dr.
10 Daut, the prosector, right?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Have you ever discussed the Peter Rossi
13 situation with Dr. Daut?

14 A No.

15 Q You also said yesterday that one of the
16 animal studies that you relied upon in support of your
17 causation opinion was Dr. Auerbach's Smoking Dogs
18 Study, is that right?

19 A Yes.

20 Q I think you also said that you had even had
21 an opportunity to see some of the slides from that
22 case, is that right?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And so I wanted to ask you a question that I
25 did not ask yesterday and that is, did you have any

1 personal involvement such as that, where you looked at
2 the slides, in any of the other animal studies that you
3 mentioned yesterday as those which you were relying on
4 in support of your causation theory?

5 A No.

6 Q Now, Doctor, you would agree that it is
7 important in any area of science for people to know the
8 limits of that area, do you agree with that?

9 A Of course.

10 Q And would you also agree that people who
11 devote their life to study in a science are probably in
12 the best position to understand the limits of their
13 science?

14 A I'm not sure I would agree as readily to that
15 statement. Sometimes the people need to generate ideas
16 and have them tested by a group of people and tested
17 over a period of time before all of us can be certain
18 that those ideas are true or not true.

19 Q Okay. Would you agree that the people who
20 devote their life are at least in the best position to
21 understand the limits of their science?

22 A I would agree they're in a good position.
23 I'm not sure I would agree "best".

24 Q All right. Are you familiar with Richard
25 Daul?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Epidemiologist?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Noted epidemiologist?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Let me read to you a statement from Richard
7 Daul and I'm going to ask you if you agree with it.
8 This is from a text edited by L.J. Whits Oxford
9 University Press in London 1964 called Medical Surveys
10 and Clinical Trials, and Mr. Daul's chapter is called
11 "Retrospective and Prospective Studies". Here.

12 MS. WALTERS: Do you have a copy of
13 that, extra copy of that?

14 MR. YOUNG: No.

15 Q Here is the statement I would like to know
16 whether or not you would agree with this.

17 MS. WALTERS: What page is that on?

18 MR. YOUNG: Page 90.

19 Q "The results obtained in the prospective
20 studies on smoking appear to be quite clear and it is
21 certainly much easier to assess their significance than
22 it was to assess the significance of the earlier
23 retrospective studies. They do not, however, prove
24 that smoking was the cause of the disease."

25 Do you agree with that statement?

1 MS. WALTERS: Can you let the witness
2 look at the statement in context?

3 Q Do you need to look at it?

4 A I would like to.

5 Q Okay, sure.

6 A I think that within the context of what Daul
7 is saying, that his statement is accurate.

8 MS. WALTERS: I would like to keep that
9 out. I would like to have that marked as an
10 exhibit at the end.

11 Q Let me read to you a statement from the 1964
12 Surgeon General's Report and I ask you if you agree
13 with this.

14 MS. WALTERS: What page are you reading
15 from?

16 MR. YOUNG: I'm not reading yet, Cindy.

17 Q Okay. I'm going to read you from Page 21.
18 I'm going to ask you if you agree or disagree with this
19 statement. "Although various disciplines and fields of
20 scientific knowledge were represented among the
21 membership, all members shared a common conception of
22 the multiple etiology of biological processes. No
23 member was so naive as to insist upon monoetiology and
24 pathological processes where in vital phenomenom."

25 A I'm sorry I missed that. Pathological

1 processes were what?

2 Q "All members shared a common conception of
3 the multiple etiology of biological processes. No
4 member was so naive as to insist upon monoetiology in
5 pathological processes or in vital phenomenom. All
6 were thoroughly aware of fact there are series of
7 events and occurences and developments in these fields
8 and that the end results are the net effect of many
9 actions and counteractions."

10 Did you understand that?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Okay. Do you agree or disagree?

13 A It's a pretty general statement. I think
14 it's almost an axiom. It would be hard to disagree
15 with the statement out of context. If we try to apply
16 it in context, I think then we could either agree or
17 disagree as to how to apply it.

18 Q So the answer to my question is "yes", you
19 agree?

20 MS. WALTERS: The answer is what the
21 answer is.

22 A The answer is a qualified "yes". I think
23 it's such a general statement that it would be hard to
24 argue with in general.

25 Q Okay. And so you don't argue with it in

1 general, is that right?

2 A In general.

3 Q So you agree with the?

4 MS. WALTERS: His answer. I'll object.
5 His answer is what it is and attempting to
6 browbeat him into something else is not
7 proper.

8 MR. YOUNG: I'm not attempting to
9 browbeat him.

10 MS. WALTERS: Yes, you are. I'll instruct
11 the witness again, as I did yesterday, just
12 because you're asked a question three times
13 you are not required to change your response.

14 THE WITNESS: I understand.

15 MR. YOUNG: Okay.

16 A It is that it's such a general statement that
17 it's like motherhood and apple pie, if you will,
18 everybody is for it. There may be some circumstances
19 where a general statement of that nature could be
20 applied or it might not apply and I would be glad to
21 discuss the situations where I think it does and where
22 I think it does not apply.

23 Q But I haven't asked you to discuss those
24 situations, have I?

25 A All right. My answer then would be that as a

1 general statement I think it is true.

2 Q Thank you. Let me read to you another
3 statement from the Surgeon General's Report of 1964.
4 And once again, I will ask you if you agree or disagree
5 with it. "It is recognized that no simple cause and
6 effect relationship is likely to exist between a
7 complex product like tobacco smoke and a specific
8 disease in the variable human organism."

9 MS. WALTERS: What page is that on?

10 MR. YOUNG: 31.

11 A I'm sorry. Would you reread it for me,
12 please?

13 Q Yes. "It is recognized that no simple cause
14 and effect relationship is likely to exist between a
15 complex product like tobacco smoke and a specific
16 disease in the variable human organism."

17 MS. WALTERS: Would you let the witness
18 read that in context.

19 MR. YOUNG: He hasn't asked me.

20 Q Do you find it necessary to read this?

21 A No, I think I understand.

22 MR. YOUNG: He said he didn't need to.

23 MS. WALTERS: I heard him.

24 A I would disagree with it.

25 Q You disagree with it?

1 A Yes.

2 Q On what basis do you disagree?

3 A I think that tobacco smoke is a complex
4 product. If one were, it contains a number of
5 chemicals, compounds, which have been listed as
6 carcinogens. I think if one were to say which of those
7 compounds might be a causative agent, I think that one
8 would be in trouble. I think that if one were to try
9 to dissect out the dose response rate of each one of
10 them it would be a very difficult proposition. But I
11 think that to say that given forty different
12 carcinogens which have been identified in cigarette
13 smoke, to say that, you can't identify a causal
14 relationship between any of them in a disease process
15 such as lung cancer which arises in an area exposed to
16 those compounds, seems to me to go beyond the proposal
17 of reasonable medical certainty to absolute crystal
18 clear certain knowledge which I think we agreed not to
19 try to use as our standard.

20 Q This says there's no simple cause and effect
21 relationship. Now are you saying you think there is a
22 simple cause and effect relationship?

23 A I think I wouldn't know how they were
24 defining "simple".

25 Q Well, how do you define "simple"?

1 A I would say that simple would be -- simple
2 would be one that didn't require a great deal of
3 thought or effort or work to demonstrate.

4 Q Okay. And based upon your definition do you
5 think there is a simple cause and effect relationship?

6 A No.

7 Q Okay.

8 (Exhibit 13 marked for identification.)

9 Q Doctor, let me hand you what has been marked
10 as Carter Exhibit 13, "Excerpt from the Office of
11 Science and Technology Chemical Carcinogen Review
12 Statement." Take a look at that, please. And
13 specifically I would like to call your attention to
14 Page 10379, the section that says "Current Beliefs".
15 Do you see that? That's in the chapter one called
16 "Current Views on the Mechanism of Carcinogens" and
17 subparagraph or subsection C, "Current Beliefs".

18 What I propose to do is to read each of the
19 eight paragraphs and ask you if you agree or disagree.
20 Tell me when you're ready to have me do that?

21 MS. WALTERS: Do you have an extra copy
22 of this?

23 MR. YOUNG: Didn't you give her one,
24 Paul?

25 Q Have you had a chance to look at that?

1 A I just want to see the publication.

2 Q Okay. The paragraph, first paragraph says,
3 "First, answer can be induced by radiation biological
4 physical and/or chemical agents."

5 Do you agree or disagree with that statement?

6 A I agree.

7 Q Then it goes on, "Second, on a biochemical
8 and molecular level there are important similarities
9 among the million species."

10 Do you agree or disagree?

11 A I agree. As far as the statement goes.

12 Q I didn't ask you any anything else, did I?

13 A No, you didn't.

14 Q The third paragraph is, "Third, an estimate
15 of the potency of carcinogens may never be exact and
16 may vary with lifestyle, habits, age, sex, individual
17 genetic differences, ethnic background, test strains
18 and/or species, diet, dose rate, routs of
19 administration, vehicle or solvent used, if any, as
20 well as the presence or absence of other agents in the
21 environmental condition prior to, during or after
22 exposure."

23 Do you agree with that?

24 A I think it's an incomplete statement.

25 Q Does that mean you don't agree with it then

1 as it's stated?

2 A I think it's an incomplete statement.

3 Q Okay. Let me go to the next paragraph.

4 "Fourth, cancer development is a multi-stage process
5 that may involve the geno, both indirectly, frequently
6 termed epigenetic events and directly which may include
7 the participation of chemicals or viruses and which may
8 be modulated by higher order functions, i.e., at the
9 organ and organismic level."

10 Do you agree or disagree with that?

11 A In general I agree with it. I'm not familiar
12 with the term "organismic".

13 Q The next paragraph, "Fifth, numerous factors
14 may alter the frequency of cancer induction by altering
15 one or more of these stages."

16 Do you agree with that?

17 A Yes, I agree with that.

18 Q "Sixth, the genesis of a cancer appears to
19 require an alteration in the ability of a cell to
20 elaborate its appropriate genetic program, i.e., in its
21 information processing capacity with a subsequent
22 fixation and propogation of that alteration."

23 Do you agree with that?

24 A No.

25 Q Okay. The next paragraph, "Seventh, we still

1 lack an in depth understanding of the mechanisms and
2 stages of cancer induction and expression."

3 Do you agree with that?

4 A Yes.

5 Q "Eighth, only by understanding the stages of
6 tumorogenesis and carcinogenesis, the substances and
7 processes which modulate them and how these may differ
8 among cells, organs, individual strains and species
9 will we ultimately understand the role of substances,
10 radiations, viruses and/or life style factors in human
11 cancer."

12 Do you agree with that?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Thank you. Do you agree that we do not know
15 how many stages are actually involved in the
16 development of adenocarcinoma of the lung?

17 A No.

18 Q Okay. How many stages are there?

19 A There are at least several which could be
20 defined in a number of ways.

21 Q But can you put a number on those stages?

22 A I think they might be variously defined by
23 different people and stages might be subdivided to give
24 a number that might seem to come out in a different
25 way.

1 Q Do you have an opinion as to how many stages
2 there are?

3 A I have an opinion as to the stages.

4 Q Okay. And how many are there?

5 A The stages would include first of all the
6 induction of the carcinoma.

7 Q The induction of the what?

8 A Carcinoma.

9 Q Okay.

10 A The second stage would be a variety of
11 alterations which would, in general, enhance the
12 induction process. Thirdly, there would be a growth
13 stage and, finally, there would be a stage which would
14 allow the, in which the tumor cells acquire the ability
15 to spread beyond the area in which they started. And
16 finally there would be a stage in which the tumor cells
17 acquired the ability to grow in another site.

18 Q Now, when you said the first site, the first
19 stage is induction, were you talking about induction at
20 the one cell level?

21 A One or few.

22 Q And in talking about the enhancement level
23 are we still talking about one or few?

24 A The individual cells might have propagated to
25 a somewhat larger number at that point.

1 Q And what about the growth stage? Does that
2 involve a propagated tumor?

3 A That entails the multiplication of the number
4 of tumor cells.

5 Q And how does that differ from the spread
6 stage?

7 A The ability to grow would be comparable to
8 the expansion of a group of cells to form a single
9 larger mass which is not the same as the ability to
10 spread through normal tissues.

11 Q And then the spread stage does involve the
12 spread through the normal tissues, is that right?

13 A Yes.

14 Q At what stage do you have what you would
15 diagnose as cancer?

16 A I'm sorry.

17 Q What stage would you diagnose a cancer, would
18 you call it actually a cancer? Would that be the
19 induction stage?

20 A I would guess that it would become a cancer
21 at the stage in which it has undergone growth to the
22 point where it becomes visible, either grossly and/or
23 microscopically. If it were grossly visible it would
24 be microscopically visible. It might be
25 microscopically visible without being grossly visible.

1 Q Now, you said you would guess. Does that
2 mean something less than an opinion that we talked
3 about?

4 A No, it's my opinion that it would be
5 diagnosed at that stage.

6 Q Fine. Do you agree that science knows why
7 one cell turns malignant when another cell that's
8 exposed to the same exposure does not?

9 A There are have inferences. I would say that
10 with a reasonable medical certainty that there are
11 certainly major gaps in our knowledge at this time.

12 Q Okay. Would you agree that science doesn't
13 know why one animal exposed to the same exposure as
14 another animal can get cancer and the other does not?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Okay.

17 Q Do you agree that most lifetime smokers never
18 get lung cancer?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And do you agree that some people who never
21 smoke can get lung cancer?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And do you agree that people can get lung
24 cancer for reasons other than cigarette smoke?

25 A Yes.

1 Q And maybe more specific, do you agree that
2 people can get adenocarcinoma of the lungs for reasons
3 other than cigarette smoke?

4 A I'm not certain of that.

5 Q But you believe it to be the case?

6 A It may be true.

7 Q Do you have a reasonable, an opinion to
8 reasonable medical probability on that point?

9 A I think it is possible for a non-smoker to
10 develop adenocarcinoma, unlikely.

11 Q Can you frame that in terms of reasonable
12 medical probability?

13 A I'm not sure of the nature of your question.
14 Are you asking me, is it likely that a non-smoker could
15 develop an adenocarcinoma.

16 Q In your opinion to a reasonable medical
17 probability people can get adenocarcinoma of the lung
18 for reasons other than cigarette smoking?

19 A It is possible.

20 Q Can you answer that question "yes" or "no"?

21 A Yes, it is possible.

22 Q All right. Would you agree that smokers
23 could get adenocarcinoma of the lung for reasons other
24 than cigarette smoking?

25 MS. WALTERS: Are you asking him to

1 exclude cigarette smoking as any factor in it
2 or --

3 MR. YOUNG: No.

4 Q Did you understand my question?

5 A Yes, I did.

6 Q Can you answer my question?

7 A I'm trying to sort through your question.

8 Q That's fine.

9 A So I can reply accurately to it.

10 Q I don't want to rush you?

11 A I would say medically we would be unable to
12 make that determination, so from a medical, reasonable
13 medical certainty I would have to say that the answer
14 to that would be "no".

15 Q When did you first reach your opinions about
16 smoking causing disease?

17 A I can't give you a date. I would say that
18 was in the latter part of the 1960's.

19 Q Was this after you got out of medical school?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Was smoking and disease a subject discussed
22 in medical school when you were a student?

23 A It was not discussed very actively when I was
24 in medical school.

25 Q Do you remember any discussions on the

1 subject?

2 A I can't recall specific discussion on the
3 subject.

4 Q Do you recall a consensus among the faculty?

5 A I recall that during medical grand rounds
6 that after the last patient was presented that
7 virtually everybody in the audience lit up either a
8 cigarette or cigar.

9 Q So you think your opinions were formed
10 sometime in the late 1960's?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And do you remember what it was that led you
13 to make that conclusion at that time?

14 A I think it was a combination of events, one
15 being are the Surgeon General's Report which had gotten
16 some publicity. The second thing was that I became
17 involved in the project that I mentioned yesterday, the
18 screening for early lung cancer and I started to
19 actively address the literature on the subject.

20 Q And did your opinion with respect to
21 adenocarcinoma and cigarette smoking as well as poorly
22 differentiated adenocarcinoma and cigarette smoking,
23 also become formed at approximately that same point in
24 time?

25 A I think that it was my impression in the

1 early '60's that the cancers that were most likely to
2 be associated with cigarette smoking were those listed
3 by the Kryberg criteria and those were the squamous
4 cell and possibly the small cell carcinoma, but the
5 information that I have read subsequently has indicated
6 that that was not correct and, therefore, have
7 subsequently thought that there's reasonable medical
8 certainty to suggest that adenocarcinoma is as
9 significant, as significantly related to cigarette
10 smoking as are the other types of lung cancer.

11 Q Can you approximate the timeframe that you
12 came to that conclusion?

13 A That was probably through the 1970's that I
14 came to that conclusion.

15 Q Sometime in the 1970's?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Let me switch gears from cigarette smoking
18 and disease and talk about the concept of lung scarring
19 and cigarette smoking. Do you believe that cigarette
20 smoking can cause non-malignant lung scar?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And what is the basis for that opinion?

23 A The basis for that is the fibrosis that's an
24 important part of pulmonary emphysema which has been
25 tied with a high degree of medical certainty to

1 cigarette smoking in most cases.

2 Q And do you believe that cigarette smoking can
3 cause lung scarring in any other manner other than
4 through emphysema?

5 A It can be associated within interstitial
6 fibrosis which is not fully characterizeable as
7 pulmonary emphysema.

8 Q Anything else?

9 A I think it's clear that cigarette smoking may
10 increase the likelihood and therefore increase the --
11 or lead to the development of infections within the
12 lung which may subsequently wind up as fibrosis, either
13 localized or interstitial.

14 Q Such as what, bronchitis?

15 A Such as severe bronchitis going onto
16 bronchiectasis which would lead to pneumonia distal to
17 the abnormally functioning bronchi.

18 Q So let me see if I understand it. You
19 believe that cigarette smoking can lead to bronchitis
20 and pneumonia, is that correct?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And you believe that bronchitis and pneumonia
23 can cause scarring?

24 A Bronchitis, severe bronchitis and pneumonia,
25 some forms of pneumonia may go on to scar.

1 Q You would also agree, though, that people can
2 contract severe bronchitis for reasons other than
3 smoking, wouldn't you?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And that in itself could lead to scarring,
6 couldn't it?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And people can contract severe forms of
9 pneumonia for reasons other than smoking, is that
10 right?

11 A That is correct.

12 Q And that severe pneumonia can in fact lead to
13 lung scarring, is that correct?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And indeed there are several others diseases
16 that can cause lung scarring other than through
17 cigarette smoking, isn't that right?

18 A Yes.

19 Q For example, we touched on TB yesterday, is
20 that right?

21 A Tuberculosis can lead to scarring.

22 Q Sure and histoplasmosis, things like that?

23 A Histoplasmosis may lead to scarring.

24 Q Pulmonary infarct can lead to scarring?

25 A Yes, it can.

1 Q Trauma can lead to scarring, can't it?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Now, yesterday we talked about your feeling
4 that lung tumors can themselves cause a fibrotic
5 reaction, do you remember that?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Desmoplastic reaction, or a scar, is that
8 right?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Do you have a theory as to the mechanisms by
11 which those lung neoplasms can cause scarring or the
12 desmoplastic reaction?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Would you tell us that theory?

15 A The theory that seems to be most plausible is
16 that the tumor cells may elaborate products which cause
17 normal cells to lay down collagen, to normal cells to
18 both come to the area in which the tumor cells are
19 present and subsequently to lay down collagen.

20 Q And do you know how it causes that or why it
21 causes those cells to lay down collagen?

22 A The growth factors elaborated by the tumor
23 would cause the normal cells to function as fibroblasts
24 and their function is to lay down collagen. A second,
25 or perhaps a corollary of that idea is that the tumor

1 cells injured the normal tissue in such a way that the
2 normal tissue elaborates the growth factors which lead
3 to fibroblasts to form collagen. I think that either
4 or most likely both of those mechanisms may be
5 operating.

6 Q That's your opinion to reasonable medical
7 probability?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Now, we discussed yesterday the concept of
10 the old scar cancer, do you remember that?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And typically that was associated with a
13 peripheral tumor, isn't that right?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And it was typically associated with
16 adenocarcinoma?

17 A Apparently.

18 Q Although it had been associated in some cases
19 with squamous cell carcinoma?

20 A And with small cell.

21 Q And with small cell?

22 A And I would presume with large cell carcinoma
23 as well.

24 Q I believe you testified yesterday, too, you
25 thought in some rare cases preexisting scars can, in

1 fact, form tumors, is that right, or cause tumors?

2 A I think that they may be the site at which
3 tumors develop. Whether or not they cause it, I think
4 is not quite the same thing. They may be the nidus
5 upon which the malignant cells develop, but I don't
6 think that the formation of the collagen leads to
7 malignant change in the cells around it.

8 Q But do you think there is a cause and effect
9 relationship between the preexisting scar and the tumor
10 that subsequently develops?

11 A Would you repeat that for me?

12 MR. YOUNG: Would you read that?

13 (The pending question was read.)

14 A No.

15 Q So, is it your opinion then that the fact
16 that you can find some tumors at the site of
17 pre-existing scars is a happenstance situation?

18 A I think it may be more than happenstance, but
19 that is not to say that the scar, itself, the collagen
20 that's there causes the cancer. I would say that it's
21 highly unlikely that that occurs and, furthermore, I
22 can't think of any hypothesis to suggest how that might
23 occur.

24 Q Can you explain then the basis for your
25 statement that you think it may be more than

1 happenstance?

2 A I think that there are two ways in which that
3 might occur. One is that the injury which produced the
4 scar also acted as a carcinogen. That's not the same
5 thing as the scar causing cancer. The second
6 possibility is that the scar altered the local
7 situation in such a way that the cells behaved or
8 proliferated in the vicinity. And the third
9 possibility, of course, which I think is the most
10 likely, is that the tumor cells themselves in some way
11 have caused the scar to develop as the tumor grows.

12 Q I understand that that's your opinion. I'm
13 trying to focus on the situation where a tumor develops
14 at the site of a preexisting scar. And you said that
15 you thought there were two theories as to how that
16 could occur, is that right?

17 A There are two ideas. The first being that
18 the agent responsible for the injury that produces the
19 scar is also a carcinogen. And there are many examples
20 in the literature to indicate that the first
21 recognizeable pattern of response to a carcinogen is
22 the same or appears to be the same as an injury
23 pattern. So that that is one possibility.

24 The second possibility is that there is a
25 proliferation of the cells at the, associated with the

1 injury which results in the scar.

2 Q And do you have an opinion to a reasonable
3 medical probability?

4 MS. WALTERS: Were you finished with
5 that last part?

6 A No, I wasn't.

7 Q Go ahead.

8 A Well, could you read where I got to.

9 (The answer was read.)

10 A And that the proliferation of those cells is
11 the second part of the process of carcinogenesis. That
12 is the enhancement or the propagation of induced cells.

13 Q Okay. Let me ask the question I started to
14 ask earlier. Do you have an opinion to a reasonable
15 medical probability as to those theories, being the
16 theories that are applicable to explain how tumors can
17 arise at the site of a preexisting scar?

18 A Are you asking which of those two that I --

19 Q Yes, I'm asking whether you subscribe to one
20 or both of those theories or neither?

21 A I think that either of them is possible. I
22 would guess that it is more likely that the second one
23 that I talked about is more likely than is the first.

24 Q Okay. And is that then the theory that you
25 would subscribe to to a reasonable medical probability?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And can you explain that theory in a little
3 more detail to me?

4 A What I would reiterate is that if a scar, if
5 an injury occurs which results in a scar, that during
6 the process by which the scar is forming there is a
7 proliferation of cells in the vicinity of the area in
8 which the scar is proliferating. If under normal
9 circumstances the cells that are proliferating have not
10 been induced to become malignant cells, then when the
11 stimulus driving the response, the injury response,
12 ceases, then those cells would cease to proliferate and
13 return to normal.

14 If, on the other hand, the cells had been
15 genetically altered, then the proliferation of those
16 cells might be the second phase of the process of
17 carcinogenesis and lead to a fully developed --
18 subsequent to the growth of those cells then it would
19 lead to the recognition of the process as a cancer.

20 Q Are you familiar with the Spencer-Raeburn
21 theory on the continuation of regenerating hyperplasia?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And is that the theory you just expressed?

24 A I think that's not precisely the opinion that
25 I expressed.

1 Q How does it differ from their theory?

2 A I think it suggests that there is something
3 in the area which leads to a continuous proliferation
4 of the cells, and I'm not sure I understand that part
5 of their idea.

6 Q It's your theory or it's their theory that
7 there is something in the areas that leads to a
8 continuation of the regenerating cells?

9 A As I understand their idea, which was
10 formulated a while ago and can't be easily translated
11 into the sorts of ideas expressed there in the Federal
12 Register, for example, their idea is that there is some
13 continuing injury which would lead to continuing
14 proliferation. I think that that's not entirely
15 consistent with the idea of a mature scar. In that a
16 mature scar would be a, the end product of an
17 inflammatory process. What they are suggesting is that
18 there is some continuing stimulus to proliferation and
19 that has to be separate from the scarring. So I'm not
20 sure that they are entirely consistent in their view on
21 the scar cancer.

22 Q And are you suggesting that there is a, that
23 there is something in the environment that stimulates
24 the cells that are proliferating to go beyond into a
25 malignancy?

1 A I think that simple proliferation does not
2 lead to malignancy. There must be, as mentioned in the
3 Federal Register there, there must be an injury by an
4 agent which leads to a genetic abnormality, that that
5 single hit, or minimal hit, if it's one cell or a few
6 cells, can't result in cancer by itself unless it is
7 multiplied by the process of the proliferation of the
8 cells. And what I believe Raeburn and Spencer were
9 suggesting, or partially suggesting, or alluding to, or
10 getting at, or trying to explain, is that the
11 proliferation of cells is what may occur at the site of
12 injury which results in a scar, but that the
13 proliferation of cells alone would not lead to a
14 malignant tumor. There must be some other process, be
15 it a chemical carcinogen or some other type of
16 carcinogen, which alters the cell first so that the
17 subsequent proliferation of the cell can lead to the
18 full development of a malignancy.

19 Q And that "some other process" could be
20 anything that could cause cells to become malignant, is
21 that right?

22 A That would be one of the agents that alters
23 the genetic constitution of the cell, which is more or
24 less the definition of a carcinogen, which would
25 include all of the agents that would be listed as

1 carcinogens.

2 Q And that would include, for example, to take
3 yesterday's example, high levels of radiation?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Do you agree that scars, that malignant
6 growths can arise at the site of scarring in organs
7 other than the lung?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And do you believe that the process involved
10 in that malignant growth would be essentially the same
11 as the process that you just described for the lung?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Are you aware that malignant growth, for
14 example, has been seen at the site of certain skin
15 scars?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Now, why don't you state for me your opinion
18 regarding the relationship between the tumor you saw in
19 Mr. Rossi's lung slides and the scarring that you saw
20 in the lung slides?

21 MS. WALTERS: I thought he did that
22 yesterday.

23 MR. YOUNG: I just want him to make it
24 clear for the record.

25 MS. WALTERS: Do you want him to now

1 retestify about what he testified about
2 yesterday, or do you want to know if there's
3 something he can add to that?

4 Q Well, it's my understanding, but I'm not
5 clear that the record is clear, that you believe that
6 scarring is a desmoplastic reaction, is that right?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Okay. And the reason that you think that it
9 is a desmoplastic reaction is because you see a
10 desmoplastic reaction not only on some lung slides, but
11 on some slides from metastatic sites, is that correct?

12 A Yes.

13 Q But looking at the lung slides alone, you
14 can't distinguish desmoplastic reaction from
15 preexisting scar without conducting one of the more
16 sophisticated tests we discussed yesterday, is that
17 right?

18 A If you limit it to looking at the slides of
19 the lung, then it would not be possible to distinguish
20 the age of the scar.

21 Q And those more sophisticated tests, I think,
22 were, what, immunofluorescent staining, is that right?

23 A Yes.

24 Q What was the other one?

25 A Either immuno or immunohistochemical which

1 are just different methods of showing the same thing.

2 Q And you never ran any of those tests on the
3 Rossi pathology, did you?

4 A No, I did not.

5 Q And to your knowledge no one ever has, is
6 that correct?

7 A That is correct.

8 Q In support of your desmoplastic reaction
9 theory, you would rely on your own studies that you and
10 Dr. Madri conducted for one thing, is that right?

11 A That would be one thing.

12 Q And we mentioned Dr. Shimosato's study?

13 A Yes.

14 Q What else do you rely on?

15 A There are, I believe, some three studies
16 which have subsequently been carried out that confirm
17 the findings that Dr. Madri and I reported.

18 Q Do you know the names of those studies or do
19 you remember the authors?

20 A I can refer to them, if you --

21 Q Yes, please. Do you have a reference with
22 you?

23 A I have a book called Lung Cancer: The
24 Evolution and Concepts.

25 Q Can you list the authors so she can get it

1 into the record. That's your book and I assume we
2 can't keep it, for the record?

3 A I would like to keep it.

4 Q Yes, so if you could just identify it so we
5 can --

6 A The editors are Gruhn, G-r-u-h-n and Rosen,
7 R-o-s-e-n, it was published by Field and Wood,
8 Copyright 1989 and the city is New York. Publication
9 of this book, interestingly enough, was sponsored by
10 the Tobacco Council.

11 Q Do you have any research grants from the
12 Tobacco Council?

13 A No, I don't. On Page 87 and going over to
14 Page 91, there is a discussion of the scar cancer idea.
15 They discuss our publication and then they discuss a
16 publication by El-Torky, et al, which seem to confirm
17 that.

18 Q Are you familiar with that publication
19 El-Torky?

20 A I can give you the reference.

21 Q But have you read it?

22 A Yes. The other material that I can give you,
23 and I don't have this with me, is the latest edition of
24 the Robbins textbook of pathology which mentions this
25 study.

1 Q This study is El-Torky?

2 A Our study, Madri and Carter, and also a study
3 by Barsky, et al which also confirms.

4 Q Are you familiar with the Barksy Study, too?

5 A Yes.

6 Q So there's four studies, yours with Dr.
7 Madri, Dr. Shomosato's, the El-Torky and the Barsky?

8 A There are other studies which deal with
9 clinical material. In attempting to assess the
10 relationship of the scar to the tumor, in clinical
11 material. They did not take a direct look at the types
12 of collagen and, in fact, Shimosato did not evaluate
13 the types of collagen.

14 Q Do you recall the names of any of the
15 clinical studies?

16 A One of them is the article that I cited for
17 you yesterday, that article by Cuhn, et al.

18 Q Kuhn, et al?

19 A I think it's Kuhn or Kaun.

20 Q K-u-h-n?

21 A It was in that Annual Review of Respiratory
22 Disease, and I think the reference is in there, saying
23 that the relationship appeared to be between
24 tuberculosis and between infarct-like scars appear to
25 be incidental, and then there are a couple of other

1 studies, perhaps two, and I don't have the direct
2 references but I can get them in a very short period of
3 time for you.

4 Q Do you have a general recollection on these
5 other studies as to approximately the point in time
6 they were published?

7 A They were all subsequent to the Shimosato
8 article.

9 Q Do you think subsequent to yours, too?

10 A And the others were subsequent to the
11 Madri-Carter article.

12 Q Okay. Let's discuss your article.

13 (Exhibits 14 and 15 marked for
14 identification.)

15 Q Doctor, let me hand you what has been marked
16 for identification purposes as Carter Exhibits 14 and
17 15. Can you take look at them and identify them if you
18 can?

19 A What would you like me to do?

20 Q I'm trying to just get you to confirm that
21 these are copies of your studies?

22 A Yes, they are.

23 Q What is 14?

24 A 14 is two pages of an excerpt from the
25 Journal Laboratory Investigation Volume 46, pages, it's

1 1-a, and I presume it's 2-a. I don't see the page
2 number on the second page.

3 Q Second page of the exhibit though, in any
4 event, makes reference to some work of yours and Dr.
5 Madri's, right?

6 A Yes. And there is on the second page or the
7 next page there is an abstract entitled
8 "Immunofluorescent Analysis of the Specific Types of
9 Collagen Found in Association with Pulmonary
10 Neoplasms", Joseph Madri and Darryl Carter.

11 Q And look at the next exhibit and identify
12 that, if you would, please?

13 A The next exhibit is a copy of an article
14 entitled "Scar Cancers of the Lung, Origin and
15 Significance", same authors, and this is from Human
16 Pathology, Volume 15, Pages 625 to 631, 1984.

17 Q And those are the two articles that you
18 coauthored with Dr. Madri on scar cancer, is that
19 right?

20 A It's basically the same article, first
21 published in abstract form, and then subsequently, the
22 full manuscript.

23 Q So it's the same project even though it's two
24 different pieces of paper, is that right?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Why don't you just give us a description of
2 what that project was, what was your hypothesis, what
3 did you determine?

4 A Because of the Shimosato article which
5 suggested that the scar seen in the scar cancer formed
6 as a result of the growth of the cancer rather than
7 prior to the growth of the cancer, I decided that it
8 would be interesting to try to test the hypothesis with
9 Dr. Madri who had developed antibodies to the different
10 types of collagen and who had published an article
11 prior to this with Dr. Furthmayer, that's reference 18
12 in the Human Pathology paper. I discussed the idea
13 with Dr. Madri who felt that it was possible to
14 distinguish, with the use of these antibodies, between
15 scar which had recently formed and scar which was
16 mature.

17 So we collected a group of cases
18 sequentially. There were seven consecutive cases which
19 fit the definition of scar cancer of the lung, that is,
20 it was a carcinoma in the periphery of the lung that
21 was associated with the scar. We collected these in
22 the surgical pathology laboratory, and then Dr. Madri
23 carried out a staining process with the antibodies to
24 the various types of collagen and then exposed them to
25 the fluorescent microscope and photographed the

1 lesions, seven consecutive lesions, and I believe we
2 had some controls. What the results of that analysis
3 were, the results of that analysis is Table 3 on Page
4 630 in which we say, "In establish pulmonary fibrosis
5 Type 3 collagen was decreased", indicating a mature
6 scar whereas in the scar cancers all seven of the scar
7 cancers Type 3 collagen was increased indicating that
8 it was an on-going process.

9 So, we felt that after having looked at these
10 cases that one could only conclude that in seven
11 consecutive cases representing no particular selection
12 of cases, just those that came through the pathology
13 laboratory, that it was likely that the, in these seven
14 cases the scar was continuing to form as a result of
15 the growth of the carcinoma, and that because we had
16 seven consecutive cases in which we found this, that it
17 was likely that that was the interpretation of most
18 scar cancers. Obviously with only seven we couldn't
19 say that the cancer could not be associated with a
20 mature scar, but we thought that it was likely that in
21 the majority of cases the hypothesis that we postulated
22 would be fulfilled and that the tumor in one way or
23 another was associated with the production of the scar,
24 either directly or indirectly.

25 Q Dr. Madri was a colleague of yours at Yale at

1 the time?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Is he still at Yale?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Do you recall the timeframe that you did this
6 work?

7 A It was, I would guess, in primarily 1982 that
8 we carried this out. The publication was sent in to
9 Human Pathology and you can see that they received the
10 manuscript in May of 1983, but didn't publish it for
11 over a year after that due to the fact that we, they
12 asked us to make a minor revision which they accepted
13 July 27, 1983 and then it took a year before they could
14 schedule the article for publication.

15 Q So it appeared in 1982 as a probably point in
16 time?

17 A 1982.

18 Q Let's look at the first one, the abstract.
19 Now, as I understand it at that point in your study you
20 had analyzed three pulmonary tumors, is that right?

21 A Two. It looks like an atypical pseudo
22 lymphoma then a poorly differentiated carcinoma and a
23 bronchiole carcinoma. And a typical pseudo lymphoma is
24 not a malignant tumor.

25 Q Okay. So you had two malignant tumors at

1 that time, right?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And were those two malignant tumors then part
4 of the seven that you referred to in the second paper?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And then let's look at the second paper. Did
7 you subtype those tumors, in addition to, two of the
8 seven are bronchiole carcinoma and a poorly
9 differentiated, do you recall breaking down the other
10 five?

11 A They were all adenocarcinomas. They had a
12 bronchioloalveolar pattern, but they were not,
13 obviously from the definition I gave you yesterday,
14 they were not bronchioloalveolar carcinomas.

15 Q I'm just trying to find out, we went through
16 this bit about one level it's either oat cells or not
17 oat cells, then it's squamous or adeno, then the other
18 level you can talk about the subtypes. I'm wondering
19 if you did get into the subtypes on the other five, if
20 you recall?

21 A I don't recall that I broke them down as to
22 whether they were well, moderately or poorly
23 differentiated.

24 Q Okay. Then as controls you used some
25 non-malignant areas of fibrosis, is that right?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Do you remember whether they were taken from
3 any particular part of the lung?

4 A No, I don't.

5 Q Do you recall whether you were able to
6 determine the cause of any of those scars?

7 A We were not able to determine the cause of
8 any of those scars.

9 Q Sometimes it's difficult to determine the
10 cause of a mature scar as I understand, is that
11 correct?

12 A I think once a scar becomes mature it's
13 impossible to determine what it is that caused it. One
14 has to look at other areas where the process is
15 continuing to occur to infer what caused the particular
16 scar that you are seeing.

17 Q So even in the case of a TB scar, if it's
18 fully matured you can't identify it as a tubercular
19 scar?

20 A That is correct.

21 Q Now, did you check on fibrosis in lymph node
22 metastases here?

23 A No. These were all primary tumors in the
24 lung.

25 Q I know that, I'm wondering in the addition to

1 the tumors you found in the lungs, did you check for
2 metastasis elsewhere?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And what did you find? Where are you
5 looking?

6 A I'm looking on Page 626 at the paragraph
7 called "Histologic Findings".

8 Q Okay.

9 A "The degrees of fibrosis in the lymph nodes
10 associated with metastatic tumor vary considerably but
11 not unpredictably. Lymph node metastases were present
12 in twelve cases." Now, let me just stop for a moment
13 here and explain why the number twelve appears there.
14 In addition to the study with the seven cases, we also
15 pulled out a group of sixty-nine resected periperal
16 adenocarcinomas of the lung which we looked at with a
17 light microscope alone. We did not look at those with
18 the collagen type. And the statement with regard to
19 the histologic findings in the lymph nodes regards to
20 histologic findings only and not to immunofluorescent
21 studies.

22 To continue on with that paragraph, "The
23 degree of fibrosis in the lymph nodes was the same as
24 or greater than the degree of fibrosis in the central
25 portion of the primary tumor except in cases in which

1 only small deposits of carcinoma in the lymph nodes
2 which were restricted to the peripheral sinuses were
3 present. In all well established metastases, there was
4 good correlation between the degree of fibrosis in the
5 lymph node and that of the primary tumor. Data not
6 shown."

7 Q Were these lymph nodes all in the thorax?

8 A They were all in the thorax, and, in general,
9 they were associated with the lobectomy which was
10 carried out for the treatment of these tumors.

11 Q Did you check in these cases for metastasis
12 outside the thorax?

13 A All the cases were clinically checked prior
14 to the time of surgery for the presence of metastases
15 outside the thorax. Had there been metastases outside
16 the thorax, the patients would not have gone to
17 thoracotomy for resection because they would have been
18 incurable.

19 Q So unlike in Mr. Rossi's case we don't know,
20 we don't have, for example, metastases to the spine or
21 adrenal that we can compare for these specimens, is
22 that right?

23 A That's correct.

24 Q And on that page it says you "found no major
25 differences in survival according to the type or degree

1 of fibrosis present in the tumor", is that right?

2 A That is correct.

3 Q And no significant correlation of stage and
4 scarring?

5 A That is correct.

6 Q Then down later on, on that page it says you
7 "found increased levels of Types 1, 3 and 5 collagen
8 and scars associated with tumor"?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And then going over to the next page it says
11 you "found increased levels of Type 1 and 5 collagen
12 and scars not associated with cancer"?

13 A Yes.

14 Q "And a decrease in Level 3"?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Or Type 3, I should say. And that's
17 increased compared to what? I am a little confused
18 here.

19 A That would be compared to normal.

20 Q Okay. So let's back up a second on the Page
21 626 where it says "there is an increased level of Types
22 1, 3 and 5 collagen with scars associated with tumor"
23 that's an increase over normal, is that right?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Is that then different from an increase over

1 your controls?

2 A In the controls there was an increase in Type
3 1 and 5, but a decrease in Type 3.

4 Q Okay. And I'm a little confused when I read
5 this. Is it an increase in the tumors compared to the
6 controls, or is there an increase compared to something
7 else, that's where I'm confused?

8 A There's an increase in Type 3 collagen in the
9 tumors.

10 Q Yes?

11 A Compared to the controls.

12 Q Okay. All right.

13 A 1 and 5 are not useful. All they indicate is
14 that they're present in either the mature scar or the
15 on-going scar. They, of course, contribute to the bulk
16 of the scar and may be very important for other
17 reasons, but for the specific purpose of determining
18 the age of the scar, they're not useful. It's only the
19 Type 3 which is deposited early on and then apparently
20 replaced as the scar matures.

21 Q Where I was confused is that if you read that
22 full paragraph it says "there is an increase in Types 1
23 and 5", excluding 3, for a second, for the time being,
24 in the tumors and in increase in 1 and 5 in the
25 controls, and, therefore, you couldn't be comparing

1 them to each other for those types, is that right?

2 A Well, that's correct. You read it correctly.

3 There is an increase in 1 and 5.

4 Q In both?

5 A Both.

6 Q Compared to what you would expect to see in a
7 normal piece of parenchyma, I guess?

8 A That is correct.

9 Q But there is an increase in Type 3 in the
10 tumors compared to the control?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Okay. Then, as I understand your reasoning,
13 you interpret the increase in Type 3 as suggesting then
14 an on-going response to the tumor, is that correct?

15 A An on-going formation of scar.

16 Q Right.

17 A Which could be interpreted in one of several
18 ways. And then we discussed the reasons that we came
19 to the conclusion that it was a result of the growth of
20 the tumor rather than one of the other hypotheses
21 presented.

22 Q Okay. And then let me call your attention to
23 Page 630.

24 Q In that bottom paragraph on the left side it
25 says, "The mechanism by which the scars form is not

1 apparent," is that right?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And is that still your belief?

4 A Well, that's a question of how certain one
5 wants to be. At one level, does the scar form as a
6 result of the presence of the cancer in some way or
7 another. I think the answer to that is in these cases,
8 yes, and we think most likely in most cases, yes. Now,
9 as to the growth factor that's produced all the
10 mechanisms involved in terms of being able to
11 completely reproduce the situation, of course, we don't
12 understand that. So, what I believe this says is that
13 the mechanism, the full mechanism, the step by step
14 process by which this occurs, is not apparent. But if
15 you take as a major contrast to whether the scar
16 precedes or follows the development of cancer, then I
17 think the answer to that we do know.

18 Q You then go, on to describe a theory of Haupt
19 and Kuhn and Gray and O'Neal?

20 A Yes.

21 Q By the way, is that the Kuhn article that you
22 were referring to?

23 A No, it's not. The article that I referred to
24 is, I believe, 1985.

25 Q Is that the same person, do you know?

1 A I think it's not. This is Kuhn with an
2 umluat and the other article was from Hong Kong.

3 Q Are either of those articles, the Haupt and
4 Kuhn and Gray and O'Neal, articles that you were
5 relying on and the studies you couldn't recall?

6 A No, neither of those.

7 Q And you go on to say that they "suggested a
8 mechanism in which scar formation is the result of
9 repeated episodes of tumor necrosis and healing."
10 Apparently your study didn't support that theory, is
11 that right?

12 A That is correct.

13 Q Do you know whether the articles that you
14 mentioned or any other articles have attempted to
15 replicate your study?

16 A Not precisely. They have used different
17 methods of looking at collagen, methods of looking at
18 collagen which are slightly different from the way that
19 we looked at it and came to the same conclusion, but I
20 believe there are some minor differences.

21 Q That would be El-Torky and Barsky?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Okay. You can put that down. Let's -- by
24 the way, it's 11:30. Does anyone want to take a
25 morning break?

1 (Recessed at 11:35 a.m. and resumed at 11:50
2 a. m.)

3 (Exhibit 16 marked for identification.)

4 MR.YOUNG: Everyone ready to go back on
5 the record?

6 Q Doctor, as I understand it, the
7 immunofluorescent study that you did for your project
8 with Dr. Madri, is a device to search for collagen on a
9 qualitative level, is that right?

10 A Yes.

11 Q It's not a quantitative tool, is that
12 correct?

13 A It's a semi quantitative tool.

14 Q Primarily qualitative?

15 A Semi quantitative.

16 Q All right. Could, assuming that you were to
17 get possession of tissue blocks from the autopsy of Mr.
18 Rossi, could that study be done on those blocks, could
19 that type of immunofluorescent study be done on those
20 blocks?

21 A I don't believe it could. The reason is that
22 the tissue blocks were fixed in formaldehyde and as I
23 understand it the fixation by the formaldehyde cross
24 links the bundles of collagen in such a way that you
25 can no longer tell whether it's Type 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5.

1 So I think the, as I understood this project, the only
2 way it could be done was to obtain the tissue at the
3 time of frozen section as it was sent down from the
4 operating room, to freeze the tumor, and to cut frozen
5 sections on which the immunofluorescence could be done
6 so we bypass the step of fixation in formaldehyde.

7 Q Do you know whether any of the other collagen
8 stains that you mentioned, techniques for searching out
9 collagen could be used on a fixed specimen?

10 A The Masson trichrome stain could certainly be
11 done, and that would show the amount of collagen, but
12 it wouldn't tell anything about the various types or
13 the age, et cetera.

14 Q Let me call your attention to the document
15 which has been marked as Exhibit 16. Let me have you
16 take a look at that, please. Is this the study by Dr.
17 Shimosato and colleagues that we referenced earlier?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Do you know Dr. Shimosato?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Do you know any of his colleagues?

22 A It's possible I may have met them. I
23 certainly don't know them, but I do know Dr. Shimosato.

24 Q Have you discussed this study with Dr.
25 Shimosato?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Can you tell us about your discussions?

3 A They were general. They took place
4 subsequent to the publication of the paper by Madri and
5 Carter, and we briefly discussed the idea of the scar
6 cancer and agreed with each other as to the genesis of
7 the scars.

8 Q Have you had any other conversations on scar
9 cancer with Dr. Shimosato?

10 A No, I believe just the one.

11 Q Now, as I understand it, Dr. Shimosato was
12 trying to determine whether you could look at the
13 extent of fibrosis in a scar cancer and eventually use
14 that to try to predict survival, is that correct?

15 A Yes. That was, one of the goals of his study
16 was to relate degree of fibrosis to the prognosis.

17 Q And he, in his studies, also attempted to
18 relate the degree of fibrosis to lymph node
19 involvement, is that right?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And he found a correlation, is that right?

22 A That is correct.

23 Q But you did not find that correlation?

24 A We found no correlation. In other words, we
25 were unable to confirm the part of Shimosato's study

1 which indicated that the degree of fibrosis correlated
2 with the prognosis of the carcinoma.

3 Q Well, that's two issues. The first one I
4 asked was about his correlation with the grade of
5 fibrosis and lymph node involvement. He found it but
6 you did not, is that right?

7 A We found a correlation between the fibrosis
8 in the primary and in the lymph node, but we did not
9 find a correlation between the presence or degree of
10 fibrosis and the presence or absence of lymph node
11 metastases. Shimosato did find that correlation.

12 Q And Shimosato also found a correlation
13 between degree of fibrosis and prognosis, right?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And you did not find that correlation, is
16 that correct?

17 A We did not find that correlation.

18 (Exhibit 17 marked for identification.)

19 Q I'm going to hand you what has been marked as
20 Carter Exhibit 17 and ask you to take a look at that,
21 if you would, please. Is this the Barsky Study that
22 you referred to earlier?

23 A Yes, it is.

24 Q Do you know Dr. Barsky?

25 A No.

1 Q Do you know any of his colleagues?

2 A No.

3 Q If you look at Page 413, on the first full
4 paragraph it indicates that Dr. Barsky's specimens were
5 mostly well differentiated bronchioloalveolar
6 carcinomas, is that correct?

7 A That's his statement. I would have to remind
8 you of what, of the way that I defined
9 bronchioloalveolar carcinoma yesterday and indicate
10 it's defined in a variety of ways. One of the ways,
11 and I think one of the important characteristics of
12 bronchioloalveolar carcinoma is that it's not
13 associated with a scar and this would indicate here
14 that it is associated with scar. So I would say,
15 therefore, it's not a bronchioloalveolar carcinoma, so
16 I presume he means well differentiated carcinoma with a
17 spreading pattern that has fibrosis associated with it.
18 I can't imagine it doesn't have fibrosis associated
19 with it, for him to include it in scar cancer.

20 So, "bronchioloalveolar" is a term that is
21 used in different ways by different people, and if it's
22 not standardized then we don't know how the term is
23 being used. I would say that he is not strictly
24 following the definition that I used in the fascicle
25 and certainly I would guess that the photomicrographs

1 illustrating my idea of bronchioloalveolar carcinoma in
2 the fascicle would not coincide with the tumors that he
3 analyzed. So bronchioloalveolar is the word that's
4 there and that's how he characterized them, but, as you
5 indicated yesterday, that classification would not have
6 a consensus.

7 Q In any event, he appears to be using some
8 sort of a different classification from what you would
9 use for that sub type of adenocarcinoma, is that
10 correct?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Could his classification comply with The
13 world Health Organization?

14 A I don't think so. As I indicated earlier,
15 Dr. Eggleston and I made every effort to try to not
16 state a classification which was different from what
17 the WHO classification would come forth with and they
18 came forth with it subsequent to publication of the
19 fascicle. I think the issue of how much scar you can
20 have in a bronchioloalveolar carcinoma is one of those
21 ideas which would have to be somewhat unsettled.

22 Q It also appears from that paragraph as
23 controls he used apical scars from TB, is that correct?

24 A Yes. Well, apical scars. Which were presumed
25 to be from tuberculosis which frequently does produce,

1 classically produces a sub-apical scar. I presume he
2 is, that the authors are using that term "apical scar"
3 a little built loosely as well. In other words, I
4 think it fair, my reading is they had noncarcinominous
5 scars and they had carcinominous scars.

6 Q Would you agree that a competent pathologist
7 can, in many instances, identify the remnants of a
8 tubercular scar?

9 A If it's only a scar, he can't. If there is a
10 granuloma in it, one can infer that it is either
11 tuberculosis or another granulomous process, such as
12 histoplasmosis which you mentioned earlier. If there
13 is no granuloma in it, it's a scar, period, then, the
14 end stage of a process.

15 Q Is it fair to presume then that when a
16 competent pathologist writes that he has seen a scar
17 from tuberculosis that he has seen evidence which in
18 his mind supports that diagnosis?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Do you understand the method that Dr. Barsky
21 used to try to identify collagen?

22 A Not completely. Generally, I do. I could
23 not, I told you I'm not a chemist and I can't relate to
24 you the nuances of chemistry relating to the method.

25 Q Can you relate to us your general

1 understanding?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Would you do that, please?

4 A Basically the authors used antibodies in a
5 way that was similar in many respects to the way that
6 we used them, although they were not quite the same
7 antibodies, at least as far as I can tell. So they did
8 an immunofluorescent study and then they also ground up
9 the scars and attempted to quantitate the types of
10 collagen present. That's something that we did not do.
11 And then they attempted to relate these findings back
12 to the degree of fibrosis.

13 One of the additional things that they looked
14 at was that they looked at a cell called a
15 myofibroblast, which is a cell that has features of a
16 fibroblast and also features of a smooth muscle cell.
17 It's a cell which is characteristically found in scars
18 of whatever nature. And they used an antibody to the
19 smooth muscle part of the cytoplasm to try to identify
20 those cells because there isn't a good antibody that
21 would identify a strict fibroblast, so they used the
22 peculiarity, the muscle antibody to identify something
23 that they called a myofibroblast.

24 Q Could you see a myofibroblast under the light
25 microscope?

1 A You can certainly see it. You may have
2 difficulty identifying it as a myofibroblast, but you
3 can certainly see the myofibroblast.

4 Q Can you see a fibroblast under the light
5 microscope?

6 A Yes, and the problem is that it would look
7 very much like a myofibroblast.

8 Q Okay.

9 A Is that, finished with this?

10 Q Yes.

11 A In terms of the methods that they used.

12 Q Let me hand you what has been marked as
13 Carter Exhibit 18. Would you take a look at that,
14 please?

15 (Exhibit 18 marked for identification.)

16 Q Is this the El-Torky study that you mentioned
17 earlier?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And El-Torky and his colleagues appear to be
20 from the University of Tennessee, is that correct?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Do you know Dr. El-Torky or any of his
23 colleagues?

24 A No.

25 Q So I assume you never discussed scar cancer

1 with any of them, is that correct?

2 A That is correct.

3 Q This study involved four cases, is that
4 correct?

5 A Yes.

6 Q So that's hardly a representative sample from
7 which you can draw scientific conclusions, is it?

8 A That's a small sample.

9 Q That's a small sample. Okay. Then he used
10 as controls, if you look at Page 323 in the top right,
11 four peripheral normal lung specimens?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Does that imply to you that he did not use
14 scar tissue as his control?

15 A Yes, it does.

16 Q And he concluded, if you look at Page 325
17 under "Discussion", that "the scar could be the result
18 of a desmoplastic reaction of the host toward the
19 growth of the tumor mass", do you see that?

20 A I'm sorry. Where are you?

21 Q Under the first paragraph under "Discussion".

22 A Okay. I'm sorry. What was your question?

23 Q The question is, his conclusion is phrased in
24 terms of "could", is that right?

25 A I think his conclusion is, "meanwhile there

1 is no clear evidence in our investigations to support
2 the current concept of the scars as a source of origin
3 of the tumor."

4 Q And then he uses the word "could" to say that
5 the scar could be the result of a desmoplastic
6 reaction, do you see that?

7 A No.

8 Q Up above that, the sentence before what you
9 just read.

10 A Yes. It says, "However, our biochemical and
11 immunohistopathologic studies of four surgically
12 resected cases of pulmonary scar carcinoma suggested
13 the scar could be the result of a desmoplastic reaction
14 of the host toward the growth of the tumor mass."

15 Q Right. Now, do you know if El-Torky and his
16 colleagues used that same immunohistopathological
17 methods that you used?

18 A I think they used the same method. You can
19 see there on the same page, Figure 6 is
20 immunofluorescent stain pattern of scar, carcinoma
21 specimen, which you can't read in this photocopy. I
22 mean, you can't see the picture really in the
23 photocopy. I think they made their own antibodies. I
24 think back on 323 it says that they immunized four New
25 Zealand white rabbits with types of collagen so they

1 made their own antibodies to the different types, 1, 3,
2 4 and 5.

3 Q Just like Dr. Madri made the antibodies that
4 you used?

5 A I don't know whether he used New Zealand
6 white rabbits or not.

7 Q No, I mean the same concept?

8 A Same concept, but not the identical antibody.

9 Q Right.

10 A In other words, they didn't write to Dr.
11 Madri and ask him to send the antibodies to them. They
12 made their own.

13 Q Okay.

14 (Exhibit 19 marked for identification.)

15 Q I'm going to hand you what has been marked as
16 Carter Exhibit 19 and ask you to take a look at that
17 and identify it. This is Dr. Auerbach's study on lung
18 cancer, is that correct?

19 A It's one of his studies.

20 Q We have already discussed that you and Dr.
21 Auerbach know each other, is that correct?

22 A That is correct.

23 Q Do you know Mr. Garfinkel?

24 A No, I do not.

25 Q How about Verta Parks?

1 A No, I do not.

2 Q Have you ever had a chance to discuss this
3 article with Dr. Auerbach?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Can you tell us about that discussion?

6 A Again the discussion was after the
7 publication of the Madri-Carter article, and I can't
8 recall who raised the issue whether he raised it or I
9 raised it. My recollection is that he raised it, but I
10 wouldn't want to swear to that. And he acknowledged
11 that my ideas were interesting in such a way to
12 indicate that he was interested in the subject and
13 interested in a continuing discussion of the subject.

14 Q Was this one conversation you had with him on
15 the subject?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And did you have any other conversations with
18 him on the subject of this article or scar cancer in
19 general?

20 A No.

21 Q And he's told you that he thought your study
22 was interesting, is that right?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Did he tell you that he agreed with your
25 conclusions?

1 A He did not say that he agreed with my
2 conclusion.

3 Q Did he say he disagreed with your
4 conclusions?

5 A He did not say he disagreed. He just said he
6 thought it was very interesting.

7 Q Do you know whether Dr. Auerbach has
8 published since this on the issue of scar cancer?

9 A I think he might have. I think he did. I'm
10 not a hundred percent sure, but I think there are two
11 articles, one, I think another one might be entitled
12 The Relationship to Pulmonary Infarcts, and I'm not
13 sure of the date of that, but my vague recollection is
14 that it's subsequent to 1979.

15 Q Do you know whether he has ever adopted your
16 opinion on desmoplastic reaction to scars or to cancer?

17 A I couldn't tell you what his views are at the
18 present time.

19 Q Do you still see him from time to time?

20 A I saw him, Dr. Auerbach must be eighty-five,
21 or possibly even more than that. I saw him maybe two,
22 two-and-a-half years ago, and I haven't heard from him.
23 I have asked about him from some people who have come
24 in contact with him, and it's my understanding from
25 them that he has, he's not doing as much as he had been

1 as late as a couple of years ago, so I don't know his
2 status at the present time. I haven't been in touch
3 with him in two years.

4 Q You are familiar with this study though, I
5 take it?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And in this study, he purported to look at
8 all autopsies from the East Orange, New Jersey VA
9 Hospital from 1955 to '75, is that right?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And he's looking for patterns of lung cancers
12 associated with scars, is that right?

13 A Yes.

14 Q If you look at Table 1 on 638, indicates he
15 found eleven hundred and eighty-six lung cancers, is
16 that right?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And a hundred and eighty-three of them were
19 peripheral lung cancers?

20 A Correct.

21 Q Eighty-two with scars?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And it appears that the percentage of
24 peripheral cancers with scars was going up during every
25 five-year period that he looked at, is that right?

1 A That is correct.

2 Q And if you look at Table 2, it shows that he
3 found peripheral tumors with scars in squamous, with
4 squamous cell carcinoma, do you see that?

5 A Yes.

6 Q He found it with adenocarcinoma?

7 A Yes.

8 Q He found it with large cell carcinoma?

9 A I believe that's correct. I can't read that.
10 It looks like a number. Is that an 8, large cell 8?

11 Q I think large cells 195, mixed type is 8.

12 A I think mixed type is none and large cells is
13 8, number of the scar?

14 A Oh, okay. You're looking at the middle
15 column, I think that's an 8.

16 Q If you look at 639 at the very beginning of
17 that page, it indicates that "forty-five percent of all
18 peripheral lung cancers originated in a scar."

19 Do you see that, the top left, 639?

20 A Top left, yes, "forty-five percent of all
21 peripheral lung cancers originated in a scar."

22 Q Yes then it goes on to say, "In sixty-eight
23 percent of all peripheral lung cancers in the 1970-'75
24 period developed around scars", do you see that?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Then if you drop down the page to the end of
2 the first full paragraph, it says "scar cancers
3 comprise twenty percent of all adenocarcinomas of the
4 lung and sixty-two percent of all peripheral
5 adenocarcinomas as shown in Table 2."

6 Do you see that?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And then Table 3 talks about etiology of
9 scars associated with lung carcinoma, do you see that?

10 A Yes.

11 Q The last entry shows that in fifteen of the
12 tumors he was not able to identify the scar?

13 A The etiology of the scar.

14 Q The etiology of the scar.

15 A Yes.

16 Q Okay. He did believe he could identify the
17 etiology of forty-six as an infarct. Do you see that?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Nineteen as tuberculosis?

20 A Yes.

21 Q One is a granuloma?

22 A Yes.

23 Q One is asbestosis?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And I assume that you would have no doubt

1 that if Dr. Auerbach believed that's what he saw his
2 opinions would be worth listening to?

3 A I would agree that if Dr. Auerbach said that
4 that's what he thought he saw. If I looked at them,
5 I'm not sure I would be able to come up with the same
6 determination. In looking back at the beginning of the
7 article he doesn't really define how it was that he
8 came to the conclusion that it was an infarct, that the
9 scar was due to an infarct.

10 In other words, if he passed the slide over
11 I'm sure we would all agree that it was a scar as in
12 the article that you cited yesterday, I'm sure if you
13 passed it around to five pathologists and asked them
14 whether it was due to an infarct or tuberculosis, you
15 would get a difference of opinion.

16 Q But, putting aside interobserver variability
17 for the time being though, I am sure you would agree in
18 general you would respect Dr. Auerbach's pathological
19 diagnosis?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Then, if you look underneath Table 3, there
22 is a continuing paragraph. Do you see that? It refers
23 to smokers in the middle?

24 A Yes.

25 Q He said in his findings, "Among the smokers

1 the percent of peripheral lung cancers with a scar
2 showed no increase with the amount of cigarette smoke."

3 Do you see that?

4 A Yes, I see it. I'm not sure I understand it.
5 "Among the smokers the percent of peripheral lung
6 cancers with a scar showed no increase with the amount
7 of cigarette smoking." I'm not sure what he means by
8 that. I'm not sure whether he means the incidence of
9 cigarette smoking or the -- perhaps he goes onto
10 explain it here. Okay. The next sentence is, "Among
11 the hundred and sixteen cases forty-six percent of
12 those who smoke less than a pack, forty-five percent of
13 those in the one pack a day and fifty-eight percent of
14 the two pack a day smokers had a scar cancer." That's
15 what it says. I'm not sure what that means except that
16 there doesn't seem to be a correlation or certainly
17 there doesn't appear to be a dose response
18 relationship, but beyond that I'm not sure.

19 Q There doesn't appear to be a dose response
20 relationship between cigarette smoking and peripheral
21 scar cancer, lung cancer with a scar?

22 A Right.

23 Q Do you know of any other studies which
24 purport to correlate peripheral lung cancer with a scar
25 and cigarette smoking?

1 A I don't know of a study which specifically
2 addresses that. I think that as pointed out in this
3 article that the peripheral carcinoma scars associated
4 are a part of any population of smokers, and presumably
5 as such there would be the general relationship. I'm
6 not aware of another study which picks out this subset
7 of scar cancers and relates it to the smoking.

8 Q As Dr. Auerbach did?

9 A As Dr. Auerbach did.

10 Q On 640 there is another reference to smoking,
11 the first full paragraph on the left column. You have
12 had a chance to look at that?

13 A Yes, I have.

14 Q Dr. Auerbach here attempts to relate
15 cigarette smoking with peripheral lung cancer, do you
16 see that?

17 A Yes, I do.

18 Q He finds "no increase when cigarette smoking
19 was observed", is that right?

20 A Well, again, it's not entirely clear. I
21 would read this to indicate to me that all the men were
22 smokers. In other words, he says, "scar cancer was
23 found in six-and-a-half percent of the less than one
24 pack per day", but that would indicate they're smokers,
25 "seven percent of the one to two" and "6.6 percent of

1 the two plus pack groups", in other words, it doesn't
2 go up with an increase in dosage, but this would
3 indicate to me that, I don't see any statement in the
4 article except for that statement about the one man,
5 the forty-five year-old who had never smoked, that
6 these patients were non-smokers. They're light smokers
7 but not non-smokers.

8 Q But we don't know from this study whether
9 less than one pack a day includes zero smokers or just
10 light smokers, isn't that true?

11 A I would assume that it means light smokers.

12 Q Well, even if your assumption is correct, it
13 still shows that as cigarette smoking increases this
14 study find no increase in peripheral lung cancers, is
15 that right?

16 A In the specific incidence of this, in the
17 incidence or, let me start over again, it shows no
18 increase in the relative incidence of this subset.

19 Q As dosage is increased?

20 A That is correct.

21 Q And do you know of any other study which
22 purports to specifically relate cigarette smoking and
23 peripheral lung cancer?

24 A No.

25 (Exhibit 20 marked for identification.)

1 Q Dr. Carter, I'm going to hand you what has
2 been marked as Carter Exhibit 20 and ask you to take a
3 look at it and tell me if you're familiar with this
4 study? This is a study called "Scar Carcinoma of the
5 Lung" by Drs. Catherine Limas, Hugo Japaze and Rafael
6 Garcia-Bunuel, is it not?

7 A Yes, it is.

8 Q Do you know any of the three authors?

9 A I knew Dr. Garcia-Bunuel, he died years ago.
10 I also knew Dr. Japaze who was a resident at the time.
11 I don't believe I know Dr. Limas.

12 Q Do you recall Dr. Garcia-Bunuel's area of
13 expertise?

14 A It's been between fifteen and twenty years
15 since he died. My vague recollection is that his
16 primary interest was renopathology.

17 Q And Dr. Japeze or Japeze was a -- ?

18 A I believe at the time he was a resident.

19 Q Pathology resident?

20 A A pathology resident at Baltimore City
21 Hospital which was affiliated with Johns Hopkins, but
22 he was not a resident at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

23 Q Did you ever get a chance to discuss this
24 study with Dr. Garcia-Bunuel before he died?

25 A I don't believe I ever discussed this study

1 with him before he died.

2 Q How about Dr. Japaze?

3 A No.

4 Q Are you familiar with this study?

5 A I am aware of it. I'm not intimately
6 familiar with it, but I'm certainly aware of it.

7 Q This study here, purported to have reviewed
8 thirteen cases of peripheral carcinomas thought to be
9 associated with scars, is that correct?

10 A Yes, it does, but I'll point out that this is
11 February of 1971, it's a long time ago.

12 Q These, this study concluded that the tumors
13 were arising in the scars, is that right?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And if you look on Page 222, the first full
16 paragraph, it lists the etiology that these authors
17 thought to be or the cause of the scar that they
18 thought that they were seeing, does it not?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And in four cases they thought they were
21 seeing scars left by a tuberculous infection, is that
22 right?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And the remaining cases they said it wasn't
25 conclusive?

1 A Yes.

2 Q But they thought they had seen a healed
3 infarct in four cases, granulomous disease in two, and
4 a nonspecific pneumonia in one, is that right?

5 A Yes, but I would like to point out, as we've
6 talked about, that's an interpretation and, indeed, in
7 Dr. Auerbach's paper that's an interpretation of the
8 cause of the scar. It would be nice if we could go
9 back to all of these studies and, somehow or other,
10 apply some techniques which would allow us to say
11 whether this is a active scar or an inactive scar. The
12 cases that I chose at the time I thought would probably
13 fall into the area of inactive scar, and I would guess
14 that if I got out the eighteen slides and passed them
15 around, that these authors would probably think that
16 they would fit in pretty well with their series. The
17 surprising thing was that it turned out not to be so,
18 so I would say that these authors were talking or
19 reporting in good faith. They interpreted the scars as
20 being the result of an infarct or tuberculosis, et
21 cetera, et cetera, et cetera.

22 I think that one has to be reminded, however,
23 that that's an interpretation, that the criteria by
24 which they made that determination are not specified
25 and that the interpretation would not be reproduceable.

1 And I would suspect that if many of these studies were
2 done subsequent to the article by Shimosato that a
3 different interpretation would certainly have been
4 possible, and I think likely, but certainly possible.

5 Q That's a supposition that we don't know for
6 sure?

7 A That's a supposition.

8 Q And we don't have the luxury of going back
9 and looking at these slides at this late date, do we?

10 A We don't -- presumably one could go back and
11 look at the slides. We don't have the luxury of
12 looking at them to determine the types of collagen, but
13 presumably one could go back and dig out the slides if
14 one of these authors were still around and could do so.

15 Q But we at least don't have that luxury right
16 now, do we?

17 A Certainly not.

18 Q And at least when you knew Dr. Garcia-Bunuel,
19 he was a person whose opinions you respected as a
20 pathologist, is that correct?

21 A That is correct.

22 Q Okay. Thank you.

23 MR. YOUNG: Let's go off the record a
24 second.

25 (A luncheon recess was taken from 12:45 p.m.

1 to 1:55 p.m.)

2 AFTERNOON SESSION

3 Q Let's go back on the record. Doctor, I would
4 like to hand you Exhibit 5 and have you take a look at
5 that, please. Doctor, these are the records from the
6 United States Navy for 1946 for Mr. Rossi that we
7 discussed yesterday. Have you had a chance to look
8 through these at all?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Can you tell us based upon your review of
11 these records what Mr. Rossi's medical condition was in
12 1946?

13 MS. WALTERS: You mean when he was
14 discharged or when he was in the hospital?

15 MR. YOUNG: Based on these records. I
16 asked him based on these records.

17 A He appears to have had a bronchitis.

18 Q Okay. And he appears to have one bronchitis
19 or two bronchitis?

20 A (Pause.) I think he had two bouts of
21 bronchitis.

22 Q And it appears from the records, does it not,
23 Doctor, if you look at Page 3 of this exhibit --

24 A I'm sorry, I don't have page numbers on mine.

25 Q Just the third page, I don't think they are

1 numbered. It appears that he reported to the Naval
2 Hospital on May 10th, 1946, is that right?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And that was his first episode of bronchitis?

5 A The first in these records, yes.

6 Q That's right. And then he was discharged, if
7 you look two pages later on May 28th?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And the discharge diagnosis is bronchitis
10 acute, is that correct?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And then if you skip to the next page it
13 appears that he reported again to the hospital on
14 August 6, 1946, is that right?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And if you look three pages later it appears
17 that he was discharged to duty on October 30th of that
18 year, is that correct?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And his discharge diagnosis was again
21 bronchitis acute, is that right?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And are you familiar with the concept of
24 bronchitis acute?

25 A As a pathologist or as a physician?

1 Q As a physician.

2 A As a physician, yes.

3 Q Can you tell us what bronchitis acute is?

4 A It would be an acute inflammatory process
5 primarily relating to the bronchi as opposed to a
6 pneumonia.

7 Q Okay. And are the two episodes of acute
8 bronchitis disclosed on these records consistent with
9 the development of scarring in Mr. Rossi's lungs?

10 A It is possible that they might be.

11 Q Okay.

12 A I have no way of knowing one way or another.
13 I would say that it was not likely to have produced
14 substantial or large scars because he had some x-rays
15 and indeed he had a bronchogram, and those were
16 apparently technically imperfect, but didn't show
17 anything, so there weren't big scars. As far as small
18 scars, possibly yes, possibly no, I can't tell.

19 Q We don't have enough information to really
20 determine that issue right now, is that correct?

21 A In my estimation that is correct.

22 Q If you will look three pages from the back to
23 an entry dated August 30, 1946. Do you see that?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Do you see where it says, "The patient has a

1 long history of repeated attacks of bronchitis"?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Is that entry in the record there referring
4 to "repeated", "a long history of repeated attacks of
5 bronchitis", is that something that is consistent with
6 the development of lung scars for Mr. Rossi?

7 A I would guess that they would be referring to
8 chronic bronchitis here and that he had repeated
9 attacks over a long period of time which sounds more
10 chronic than acute to me. Chronic bronchitis now would
11 be most commonly associated with smoking. I don't know
12 what it was most commonly associated with back then,
13 and as far as bronchitis, if you try to get at the
14 nature of this bronchitis and the sequelae of the
15 bronchitis within the framework of these records, I
16 would say that if he had a long history of bronchitis,
17 I would presume that would mean years, that the x-ray
18 that was taken in 1946, I believe, as we just
19 discussed, did not show large scars.

20 So that I would say that this history of
21 bronchitis did not lead to any large scars by 1946.
22 Again, as to whether it produced a fine fibrosis within
23 the lung, can't address that issue. Not enough
24 information.

25 Q So you don't have enough information to rule

1 out the possibility, though, that a long history of
2 repeated attacks of bronchitis could result in some
3 lung scarring for Mr. Rossi, is that right?

4 A It would result in a scarring of the bronchi.
5 I presume you're distinguishing lung scarring from
6 bronchial scar, meaning parenchyma scarring.

7 Q No, I'm referring to any scarring within the
8 lungs including the bronchus?

9 A Okay. Well, certainly chronic bronchitis
10 could go onto some fibrosis in the bronchi.

11 Q Okay. And what about in the lung perenchyma
12 outside the bronchi?

13 A It would be much less likely. Well, the
14 bronchitis would have to become very severe to lead to
15 the fibrosis in the periphery. However, it is possible
16 that whatever is causing the bronchitis might also
17 cause a pneumonia and, of course, that could lead to
18 pulmonary fibrosis.

19 Q So it is possible then that a long history of
20 repeated attacks of bronchitis could lead to scarring?

21 A It's possible.

22 Q And I would like to call your attention to
23 the fourth page in this document from the first. Start
24 at the beginning and go four pages. Look at about a
25 third of the way down where they talk about the

1 history.

2 Do you see that?

3 A Yes.

4 Q This appears to be part of the patient
5 history taken in connection with Mr. Rossi's May
6 episode of bronchitis, is that correct?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Okay. And that refers here to chronic
9 bronchitis usual childhood disease, pleurisy at ten
10 years of age and I can't see what is that after that,
11 can you read that?

12 A I can't be sure. My guess is that it says
13 "no TBC" or "history of exposure".

14 Q TBC would be tuberculosis?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Let me ask you about "pleurisy at age ten".
17 Is pleurisy the type of disease that can lead to lung
18 scarring in Mr. Rossi?

19 A Well, pleurisy is not a disease. It's a
20 symptom of disease, it's a symptom. It's a pain
21 related to pain in the chest usually stabbing in
22 character that's related to breathing efforts, and it
23 would indicate that there was some inflammation on the
24 pleura. What caused that inflammation could be a whole
25 host of things. I would guess that the most likely

1 possibility would be that he might have some pneumonia,
2 but there are many, many other possibilities. One
3 would be something like rheumatic fever, a variety of
4 other things that could possibly produced it. So it's
5 a symptom, it would be like a cough. Say, could the
6 cough produce it? I don't think a cough could produce
7 it. We would have to infer some other disease process
8 and then infer what that might be.

9 Q So pleurisy by itself does not tell you
10 or does not indicate that there would be a condition
11 consistent with scarring by itself, is that right?

12 A Pleurisy by itself wouldn't suggest to me.

13 Q It's only if we knew what other problem might
14 have led to the pleurisy that we could opine as to
15 whether it's consistent with the scarring, is that
16 correct?

17 A In my opinion, yes.

18 Q Let me -- you can put that down. Let me
19 also ask you if, in connection with your review of
20 the medical records entirely in this case, you became
21 aware that Mr. Rossi had a pneumonia sometime in the
22 1950's?

23 A I don't specifically remember that. I'm not
24 saying he didn't.

25 Q I understand.

1 A I don't specifically remember reference to it
2 in the 1950's.

3 Q Let me then ask you this question
4 hypothetically. Assume hypothetically, Doctor, that
5 Mr. Rossi had pneumonia sometime in the 1950's, is that
6 condition consistent with the development of lung scars
7 for Mr. Rossi?

8 A Depending on the type of pneumonia it could
9 be consistent, could be a cause of fibrosis.

10 Q And let me ask you to assume further that the
11 pneumonia was in fact a psittacosis?

12 A A psittacosis?

13 Q Yes. Is that consistent with the development
14 of lung scarring for Mr. Rossi?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Thank you. I have no further questions for
17 you, Doctor.

18 A I wonder if before we finish I could just
19 give you two of the references that I referred to, and,
20 in fact, referred to not entirely correctly. I kept
21 referring to an article by Kuhn.

22 Q Now, this was in connection with which
23 opinion?

24 A It was this morning.

25 Q Okay.

1 A It was in connection with the scar cancer
2 discussion.

3 Q Okay. The opinion that Mr. Rossi's scarring
4 was caused by his tumor, is that correct?

5 MS. WALTERS: I think the specific
6 question had to do with the other people had
7 reproduced his study.

8 MR. YOUNG: That's what I'm trying to
9 get to.

10 A Other studies that I referred to. I referred
11 to Kuhn.

12 Q We asked a bunch of questions. I'm trying to
13 relate this to where I put it in my category.

14 A Okay.

15 Q Is this, this is in connection with studies
16 other than the one that you and Dr. Madri did?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Okay. On scar cancer?

19 A Yes.

20 Q That support your opinion with respect to the
21 scarring seen in connection with Mr. Rossi's lung
22 slides, is that right?

23 A That is correct.

24 Q Okay.

25 A The, what I referred to as Kuhn is actually

1 Kung, K-u-n-g, and the reference is the American
2 Journal of Surgical Pathology 1985, Volume 9, Pages 391
3 to 400. And the next one is by Cagle, C-a-g-l-e, et
4 al, and that journal is Cancer Volume 56, Pages 2031 to
5 2035, 1985.

6 Q Now, you are reading from a list. Is that
7 from authorities in one of your articles?

8 A That is a reference list from an article.

9 Q I just wondered if you could give us the
10 numbers and the name of that article, we can look it
11 up?

12 A That would be from --

13 MS. WALTERS: I don't think he can. I
14 think that's a document that I let him look
15 at to refresh your recollection. I don't
16 think he even knows what it is.

17 Q So we have Kung, American Journal of
18 Pathology, what year was that?

19 A That was 1985.

20 Q 1985 and Cagle, et al, from Cancer?

21 A 1985, also.

22 Q Is there anything else you would like to add?

23 A No.

24 Q Okay.

25 MR. YOUNG: Off the record while we

1 switch seats.

2 (A brief recess was taken.)

3 CROSS-EXAMINATION

4 BY MR. KEARNY:

5 Q Good afternoon, Dr. Carter. My name is Jim
6 Kearny and I represent another one of the Defendant
7 companies in this case, Liggett. I have a few
8 questions to ask you. I would like to start with your
9 description this morning of the stages or phases of
10 development of adenocarcinoma and ask you some
11 questions about that.

12 First of all, have you, yourself, conducted
13 any research into the phases or stages of
14 adenocarcinoma of the lung?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Could you tell us what is, the first phase I
17 understood to be induction of I didn't get the last
18 word that you characterized as the first stage,
19 induction of what?

20 A Would be induction, period.

21 Q Okay.

22 A That stage is characterized, considered to be
23 characterized by an alteration in the genome of the
24 cell, in other words, a change in the genetic make-up
25 of the cell.

1 Q Now, could you tell us what causes that
2 alteration or what, yeah, what are the causes of that
3 alteration?

4 A A variety of agents are capable of causing
5 genetic alterations.

6 Q Could you describe them?

7 A These would generally be considered the
8 carcinogens, and those would include radiation of a
9 variety of types, and chemical carcinogens, ultraviolet
10 light.

11 Q Anything else?

12 A I think that would be a general description.
13 Chemicals is a very broad category.

14 Q Can endogenous substances cause it?

15 A Some that are chemicals presumably might be
16 able to do so.

17 Q And that is chemicals that are produced
18 internally in the body, correct, is that what you
19 understand endogenous to mean?

20 A It's conceivable that some might be able to
21 carry that in.

22 Q Is it anything more than conceivable, is it
23 probable that some do?

24 A I think it's unlikely that they do at a very
25 high level.

1 Q Okay. Now, how long does the, this altered
2 gene exist, if you will, before the next stage begins?

3 A Well, to amplify the induction phase, there
4 are, these chromosomal breaks are occurring all the
5 time.

6 Q Did you explain what you mean by that,
7 they're occurring all the time?

8 A In other words, all of us probably have
9 breaks in the chromosomes from cosmic rays, radiation,
10 chemicals, whatever, but there are also enzymes that
11 repair those breaks, so that they put them back to
12 normal.

13 Q Now the chromosomal -- go ahead.

14 A What I want to say is, it's not just that a
15 break occurs, it's that there are a lot of breaks
16 occurring and that there are so many occurring that the
17 enzymes that ordinarily repair these can't keep up with
18 the rate of breakage. Now, how long does it exist
19 before -- and I'm not sure what you said next, how
20 long?

21 Q Before the next stage occurs, which you said
22 was the next stage in, the next phase of the
23 development of adenocarcinoma?

24 A Well, that depends on whether the break is
25 associated with a fatal break which kills the cell,

1 which is common. If you get chromosomal break because
2 the most likely thing that is going to happen is that
3 you will kill the cell by breaking the chromosome so
4 you have to get a break that is significant, but not
5 enough to kill the cell. That probably lasts for the
6 lifetime of the individual cell in which it occurred.
7 And depending on the lifetime of the cell that you're
8 talking about it would -- it would relate to something
9 that lasted that long. Cells have different half
10 lives.

11 Q What type of cell would it be that you would
12 have this initial induction in and then I will ask you
13 give me the range of the half lives, the natural life
14 of the cell?

15 A Are we talking about lung cancer or leukemia?

16 Q We're talking about adenocarcinoma?

17 A Adenocarcinoma in the lung?

18 Q Right.

19 A I don't know the lifetime. I'm guessing, I
20 would guess it would probably be in the range of a
21 couple of months.

22 Q So after a cell has been, if you will,
23 inducted --

24 A Induced.

25 Q Pardon me?

1 A Induced.

2 Q Induced, a chromosomal change has occurred,
3 the following things can happen to that cell: It can
4 be repaired by an enzyme process?

5 A Right.

6 Q It can be killed by the chromosomal change
7 itself?

8 A Yes.

9 Q It can naturally die away?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Anything else that can happen to that cell?

12 A Well, it can go onto become malignant.

13 Q Or it can just, I assume, go on to become --
14 it doesn't inevitably -- I'm sorry. It doesn't
15 inevitably or inelectably become a malignant cell?

16 A That is correct.

17 Q It can sit there?

18 A Well, it's going to die. The cell is -- all
19 of the cells are dying at a, at a variety of rates.
20 The cell is doomed to die when it's started. So it's
21 going to have a natural life of a certain period.

22 Q Now, just so I understand it, this process
23 that we have just talked about of the genetic change
24 and then the repair goes on whether you're smoking or
25 not?

1 A When you're exposed to some agent that breaks
2 chromosomes.

3 Q Or even if you're not exposed to an agent if
4 the break occurs in some other way. The break and the
5 process of repair is something that is common and goes
6 on in the human system all the time?

7 A No, I think the chromosomal breaks are
8 uncommon. If you were to isolate the cells from all
9 noxious stimuli, but all of us are exposed to noxious
10 stimuli.

11 Q Can this chromosomal change occur by virtue
12 of genetics, something that is there not by an assault
13 from a carcinogen from the outside?

14 A I don't know of any circumstance in the lung
15 where that could occur.

16 Q Can it occur by virtue of a virus?

17 A It is alleged, it was considered that it
18 might, but as far as I know, there is not substantial
19 evidence, despite considerable effort to demonstrate
20 so, that the virus is responsible for the changes that
21 occur in the lung that lead to carcinogenesis.

22 Q Do we know how the carcinogen acts upon the
23 cell in order to create this chromosomal change?

24 A Well --

25 Q When I say "do we know how", does the state

1 of science today know how that's done?

2 A Well, they know that where the breaks are
3 likely to occur.

4 Q I understand that. Do they know how it
5 occurs?

6 A Chemically, you mean, what it is that breaks
7 the --

8 Q Right?

9 A The strand of DNA, I think, yes. I can't
10 explain it to you, but I think yes.

11 Q Now, I don't fully understand it either so
12 when you say "chemically" I don't know what
13 distinctions you sought to draw. Do they know it any
14 other way other than chemically?

15 A Well, the genes are held together by a
16 chemical bond and if what you want me to tell you
17 bonding energies and electron frequencies and all that
18 sort of thing, I can't. But I think there are people
19 who could tell you why it is that there are areas
20 within the genome which exposed to a certain type of
21 chemical compound would tend to break at a certain
22 sequence of basis.

23 Q Am I correct that you do not contend to know
24 what consituent of cigarette smoking causes this
25 chromosomal change?

1 A I think there, the last time I looked there
2 was some forty that were capable of creating that sort
3 of change.

4 Q Now, are you telling me that each one of them
5 separately does it, does science know that?

6 A I think any one of them is capable of doing
7 it. All forty of them are there, which one happens to
8 do it in a particular cell is not possible to say.

9 Q Well, or combination happen in a particular
10 cell?

11 A Or which might,

12 Q Or whether it's the same all the time?

13 A Correct.

14 Q Can you tell in any individual who has
15 contracted adenocarcinoma of the lung when this first
16 phase occurred, this so-called induction process?

17 A You can make certain guesses. You can't give
18 a date, no.

19 Q Could you tell us what methodology you use to
20 make certain guesses?

21 A The guesses are based on the doubling times
22 of the tumor. In other words, if you see how long it
23 takes for a tumor to get twice as large as it was at a
24 previous time, you can, say, calculate how many cells
25 were there at one point and then back, calculate how

1 long it took to get to that size. That presumes that
2 the doubling times are constant which they almost
3 certainly are not.

4 Furthermore, it's not possible to recognize
5 an induced but not fully malignant cell. The only way
6 that you can recognize this cell that we have been
7 talking about that's been induced is after the next
8 step occurs where there is enhancement of the process,
9 where the cell is forced to multiply so that the
10 daughter cells have an opportunity to reproduce this
11 abnormality and presumably to enhance it. To the point
12 where it then becomes recognizeable as an individual
13 cell which is neoplastic.

14 Now, if you enhance these cells without the
15 induction you don't get a neoplastic cell. If you
16 enhance them and then give the inducing agent, you
17 don't get a neoplastic cell. You have to initiate,
18 then secondly promote or enhance or drive the cell into
19 reproduction in order for the cell to go from a normal
20 cell to a neoplastic cell.

21 Q I'm going to get to that I think. Let me go
22 back to, you were trying to describe for me how you
23 would determine when the first inducted cell that
24 resulted going through the phases that you have
25 articulated for us in an adenocarcinoma in an

1 individual, and you said that you would go through this
2 process of doubling time. Now am I correct that that
3 leads you to a guesstimate of when the first cell,
4 altered cell occurred?

5 A That would, if you went back to the first
6 cell, yes.

7 Q When in relation to that time did the first
8 cell become induced, can you tell that?

9 A From induction to the first doubling?

10 Q Right.

11 A The --

12 Q The first doubling I understand is what you
13 get from the doubling time analysis?

14 A Right. That would be the outer limits of it
15 would be the life span of the cell.

16 Q Of the cell?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And you told me, what is the range of life
19 spans of cells assuming they get through all the
20 others, they're not killed off naturally?

21 A The normal life span, I think, is a couple of
22 months.

23 Q Now, did you tell us yesterday, and I don't
24 want you to repeat your testimony, but I want to be
25 sure I understand it, did you give us an opinion

1 yesterday about how long it took from the time that Mr.
2 Rossi's adenocarcinoma would have been clinical to the
3 time that it was, from the time it became subclinical
4 to the time it was observed was approximately two
5 years, is that right?

6 A I said it would have been at least two years.

7 Q At least two years. Do you have an opinion
8 as to when the first cell doubling would have occurred
9 in Peter Rossi's cancer?

10 A One could back-calculate and I think you
11 would have a very broad range. I think it could
12 possibly go back as many as fifteen, twenty years.

13 Q And on the other side what's the short part
14 of the range?

15 A Probably in the range of probably two to five
16 years. My guess is that the doubling time was not
17 constant. I think at the end the thing was really
18 growing very rapidly.

19 Q Let's see if we understand.

20 MS. WALTERS: Wait a minute. Are you
21 finished your answer?

22 THE WITNESS: Yes.

23 MS. WALTERS: You cut him off, but I
24 guess he was finished.

25 MR. KEARNY: I'm sorry if I cut you off.

1 I took my eyes down for a minute. I'm trying
2 best to follow all of this. And I also
3 understand that you're not looking at the
4 witness, so many times you may think I'm
5 cutting him off.

6 MS. WALTERS: He said a word.

7 MR. KEARNY: I'm not concerned about
8 your objection, so don't worry about it.

9 Q I want, again, to make sure I understand
10 this. In the various phases of the production of an
11 adenocarcinoma that you gave us this morning, which is
12 the phase that we have just established to be within
13 the range of fifteen or twenty to two to five years for
14 Peter Rossi?

15 A We haven't gotten to that yet.

16 Q Okay. Good. Let's then proceed through
17 that.

18 A We have done induction. We were talking
19 about the second stage which you can call enhancement
20 or promotion.

21 Q Can you explain "enhancement phase" for me?

22 A Well, same as promotion, in other words,
23 something comes along that can drive the induced cell
24 to proliferate, that is, to form a lot of daughter
25 cells at a relatively high rate, at an increased rate.

1 Now that may be the same thing that caused the
2 induction or it may be something different.

3 Q Okay. Explain to me what you said there are
4 things that can cause this enhancement. What "things"
5 can they be?

6 A Promotion, can we use enhancement promotion
7 interchangeably?

8 Q Yes, I understand that.

9 A What things? They could be the same agents
10 that caused the induction, all of them.

11 Q Now we have gone through what they can be?

12 A Right.

13 Q In addition to them, anything else?

14 A In addition to those, the things like
15 asbestos fibers apparently can act as promoting agents.
16 Inflammatory reactions can result in promotion.

17 Q What else?

18 A That's sort of the broad categories, things
19 that cause inflammation. I know asbestos fibers have
20 been studied intensively. I presume that some other
21 fibers might also act as promoters, but I can't quote
22 which ones might.

23 Q Okay. Can coal dust?

24 A I don't know that coal dust does very much.

25 Q When you say "inflammatory reactions", can

1 you describe what those inflammatory reactions are that
2 can cause this promotion of an induced cell?

3 A Anything that would incite injury to the
4 normal cells, such as bacteria. If somebody got
5 pneumonia it would cause increased proliferation of the
6 cells in the vicinity.

7 Q Any other disease processes that could cause
8 this, other than pneumonia?

9 A Anything that causes pneumonia.

10 Q I'm not a doctor, what other things cause
11 pneumonia and only one of any kids have had pneumonia
12 so far.

13 A Bacteria, virus, toxic fumes, tuberculosis.

14 Q Anything that's ingested?

15 A Certainly if you vomited and aspirated that
16 would do it.

17 Q What happens, anything ingested that's not
18 vomited and aspirated?

19 A I'm not aware of any in that category.

20 Q Can an ingested carcinogen cause the first
21 induction?

22 A I think that's a subject of debate.
23 Yesterday, we talked about that study by the Kanisawa,
24 I believe, where he did show that that occurred.

25 Q Right.

1 A Whether that occurs in other situations, I
2 don't know.

3 Q So my question was, assuming for the moment
4 that it can occur in the induction phase, can ingested
5 carcinogens also create or cause or be a causative
6 factor in this promotion phase?

7 A I don't --

8 MS. WALTERS: In lung cancer?

9 MR. KEARNY: We're always talking about
10 adenocarcinoma of the lung and this is the
11 Haines case and we're at this deposition.

12 A I don't know the answer to that. I would
13 guess it could, but I really don't know for sure.

14 Q Am I correct that in the, there is no way you
15 have of telling, science has of telling, whether or not
16 in any individual person who has been diagnosed as
17 having adenocarcinoma of the lung whether or not the
18 induction and enhancement phase is caused by the same
19 causative factor or agent, isn't that right?

20 A That's correct.

21 Q How long, Doctor, does this enhancement or
22 promotion stage usually last?

23 A It lasts a variable period. The limits would
24 not be as well defined as they would be for the
25 induction period which is limited by the life span of

1 the normal cell. Presumably it would have to occur
2 during the time that one of the cells was induced
3 before it died, and then a variable number of cell
4 cycles or reproductions would have to occur before
5 these induced cell became fully neoplastic. And that
6 apparently is a matter of chance to a great degree,
7 and, therefore, the more times it reproduces the more
8 likely it is to become neoplastic.

9 Q Now, you've just introduced a new term to our
10 lexicon here. When you say "cell has become
11 neoplastic", can you relate that to your five phases of
12 the development of adenocarcinoma, which phase would
13 you say the cell or cells had become neoplastic?

14 MS. WALTERS: Five phases or four?

15 MR. KEARNY: Four or five stages, we'll
16 get them. I haven't added another phase.
17 I'm not competent enough to do that.

18 A I would say that it would occur after the
19 process of induction and sufficient promotion to
20 transform it into a malignant cell has occurred and
21 that the, as soon as that occurs the cell becomes
22 immortal. In other words, we get away from a cell
23 which has a defined life span into a cell which you can
24 put into culture and it will keep growing as long as
25 you keep the circumstances in which it's growing

1 satisfactory for the cell. If you put a normal cell
2 into culture it will live its life span, then it will
3 die.

4 One of the tests for determining whether or
5 not a cell has become neoplastic is to put it into
6 culture and if it keeps growing forty, fifty,
7 generations, then you know it has become neoplastic.
8 So, at that point is where it becomes neoplastic. If
9 that answers --

10 Q Does the neoplastic cell occur sometime
11 during this process of promotion, does it occur during
12 the process of what you call "the growth stage", that
13 is the multiplication of the cells?

14 A It occurs, it is the culmination of
15 promotion.

16 Q The culmination of promotion. And you would
17 say that, therefore, is either before, it is before
18 rather what you termed earlier this morning as this
19 growth stage?

20 A Right.

21 Q Am I correct that once that happens that does
22 not mean that malignant cancer, adenocarcinoma, will
23 inelectably follow?

24 A It means that it will follow unless something
25 dramatic occurs to stop it from following.

1 Q Okay. Would you say at that stage that it is
2 irreversible?

3 A Yes.

4 Q It's irreversible. And what is it, that
5 dramatic would have to happen?

6 A Well, if you take it out.

7 Q Anything short of that?

8 A That would stop it. If for some reason or
9 another you're able to kill it at that stage.

10 Q That would be, again, a medical intervention
11 that you're talking about?

12 A No, not necessarily. It's possible that the
13 cell might have changed in such a way that it has
14 alerted the immune system to the fact that it's totally
15 abnormal. And that the normal cells of the body come
16 in and kill it off.

17 Q And I don't know how to put this, but now
18 you're talking about the common response of the
19 immunological system of the body?

20 A Yes.

21 Q When a cell or group of cells run amok.
22 There is a system in the body to attack that and that
23 happens commonly?

24 A Most of the time. In other words, you can
25 think that all of us sitting here now are forming little

1 malignant tumors or tumor cells and our bodies are
2 presumably killing them off.

3 Q That is, in fact, what's happening?

4 A I think that's what's happening right now.

5 Q And I would assume we're in bad shape if that
6 immunologic system stops operating?

7 A It only has to miss one.

8 Q As you get older does the immunological
9 system deteriorate?

10 A The immunologic system gets worse and the
11 ability to repair DNA breaks also decreases.

12 Q Can you give me an age for that, when does
13 that begin to occur, that is the difficiency in or the
14 reduction in the effectiveness of the immunological
15 system and the reduction in the effectiveness of the
16 DNA repair systems?

17 A I think there is a gradual decline of the
18 ability to repair DNA. That's a pretty general slope.

19 Q When does it begin, sir?

20 A I think it probably begins in our teens.

21 Q And --

22 A And that's the reason that we uncommonly see
23 tumors in a younger age group. We usually see it in
24 older people.

25 Q And the reason is that the repair systems are

1 more effective when you're younger?

2 A Yes. The ability --

3 Q Does the reduction in the DNA --

4 MS. WALTERS: Wait a minute?

5 A Go ahead.

6 Q Does that reduction in the effectiveness of
7 the DNA repair system decrease in a linear slope?

8 A Yes.

9 Q You were going to tell me what the ranges,
10 when the immunological systems relevant to this begin
11 to deteriorate, how quickly do they deteriorate?

12 A They deteriorate latter and to a much more
13 variable degree. In other words, there is not a
14 straight line slope related with it. In other words,
15 the immunologic function of many older individuals is
16 perfectly intact as far as we can tell, whereas in
17 some other it falls off.

18 Q And it can be affected by disease, I guess,
19 Aids is the first thing that comes to mind on the part
20 of the layman. Isn't that a diminution in the
21 immunological system? I withdraw the question. I
22 don't want to get into another area.

23 What types of things, what are the factors
24 that account for the variability in the reduction of
25 the effectiveness of the immunological system?

1 A I don't think they're well understood, at
2 least not by me. I know they are quite variable.

3 Q So let me go back. I asked you the question,
4 when this induced cell that has gone through promotion
5 is in the back end of the promotion, becomes
6 neoplastic, will that ineluctably lead to carcinoma of,
7 adenocarcinoma of the lung? And am I correct your
8 answer is yes, unless it is destroyed by the
9 immunological systems of the body?

10 A Or someone reaching in and kills it or
11 something else kills it, actively kills it, yes.
12 Because now it has become an immortal cell that can
13 continue to grow and doesn't stop growing according to
14 normal stimuli.

15 Q So, when I asked the question how long would
16 this phase of ad -- the development of adenocarcinoma
17 last, the promotion phase, what I should have asked,
18 and I'm now going to ask is, can you tell us all the
19 things that can happen to this collection of cells that
20 have now become neoplastic, and have yet to go into
21 this growth stage. One of the things that can happen
22 is the immunological system of the body come to bear on
23 it and eliminate it and the other, are there any
24 others, other than it marches along?

25 A Well, it's removed.

1 Q Okay.

2 A It's removed either by design or by accident.

3 Q Now, the next stage, I have in my notes that
4 you mentioned "growth stage, multiplication of cells."
5 Can you describe for me, what is that stage called?

6 A That's the growth stage.

7 Q What happens, explain to me what happens in
8 that stage?

9 A The individual cells just keep dividing and
10 the mass of tumor cells gets gradually bigger and
11 bigger and bigger.

12 Q At that stage is this mass capable of being
13 invasive or does that happen in the next stage?

14 A At any step of the way while it's growing,
15 well, if it just grows, then it's confined and it would
16 eventually get big enough where it would probably cause
17 some symptoms, show up on a chest x-ray, and if it were
18 just growing, then the surgeon could go in and take it
19 out and it would be cured.

20 Q And because it is not yet gone to the next
21 stage, which is the stage that you characterize as the
22 stage in which the cell acquires the ability to spread
23 through human tissue?

24 A To invade normal tissue.

25 Q Okay. So another thing that can happen to

1 the neoplastic promoted cell is that it just gets
2 bigger but it remains in the same place until such time
3 as it becomes clinical and is removed?

4 A Yes.

5 Q How long would you say that stage would last
6 until such time as those cells acquire the ability to
7 spread through human tissue?

8 A That's quite variable time. Some tumors
9 never acquire the ability to invade the normal
10 structures. Others acquire at a very early stage. The
11 outside limits of the size that you could attain would
12 be about forty doublings from the original cell.

13 Q How long would that take?

14 A For it to double forty times?

15 Q Right.

16 A That would depend on the doubling rate and
17 the doubling rate has, I have seen as long as two
18 hundred fifty days, so it would be forty times two
19 hundred fifty days. For adenocarcinomas they tend to
20 be on the long side. I think the lower range of an
21 adenocarcinoma would be fifty days and the upper range
22 would be something like two hundred and fifty days. So
23 it's a very broad range there.

24 Q Now, what is it that makes this mass -- let
25 me withdraw that. So I assume there are some in this

1 stage, some groups of cells that never acquire the
2 ability to invade human tissue and there are others
3 that do?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Can you explain to me what makes one group
6 acquire the ability to invade human tissue and the
7 other group not acquire the ability to invade human
8 tissue?

9 A I obviously can't do that. There are a lot
10 of things that we know about at that stage and some of
11 the things that are important are the ability to break
12 down collagen.

13 Q I'm sorry, break down what?

14 A Collagen. So that you, can the cells can get
15 away from where they're normally found. There are,
16 another is the cell acquires the ability to make a
17 receptor so that it can clamp onto collagen and it can
18 sort of march its way along through the collagen.
19 Those are some of the things. We don't know all of the
20 things. Obviously that's a very critical point.

21 Q We don't know what gives the cell the ability
22 to break down the collagen or to permit one of its
23 receptors to clamp on to collagen?

24 A We don't know what does that. And, in fact,
25 the reason that I hesitated over one of the statements

1 that Mr. Young read to me this morning, over the
2 induction phase or the genetic change being stable, is
3 that this is an example of instability. In other
4 words, the tumor cell first acquires the ability to
5 get, to grow, and then it starts acquiring other
6 things. So it's not stable. It's unstable. And some
7 of the cells are going to acquire the ability to invade
8 the normal tissues. And those normal tissues would
9 include the pulmonary parenchyma. It could include the
10 bronchus. It could include the blood vessels. It
11 could include the basement membranes by which it is
12 bound.

13 Now, one of the things that may happen as the
14 tumor has grown into this mass and has acquired the
15 ability to invade, is that once it gets out of the area
16 in which it is started, it may then attract an
17 immunological response.

18 Q And then the same thing would happen that we
19 talked about before, the immunological system would
20 kill it off?

21 A No, at this point the immunologic system
22 probably can't kill it because there are too many of
23 them in that it takes over two thousand lymphocytes to
24 kill one tumor cell, so if you're dealing with one or
25 two or three or four tumor cells, you can get enough

1 lymphocytes in there. If you send through a thousand,
2 then you would have to get too many lymphocytes in
3 there to kill it. But what might happen at that stage
4 is that the inflammatory cells might come to that point
5 because of the anti-antigen that the tumor cells are
6 displaying. When they come to that point they would
7 behave like they did in an inflammatory response in
8 that that could lead to the production of scar.

9 Q Let me, if the mass does not acquire the
10 ability to spread through tissue, it -- well,
11 withdrawn. I think we covered that. It just gets
12 bigger. Does it ever stop growing? If it doesn't get
13 the ability to move out at that stage, if it doesn't
14 get the ability to invade other tissue, does it ever
15 stop growing?

16 A The net growth may stop. In other words, if
17 it slows down to the point where the cells are losing
18 their blood supply as fast as they're being replaced,
19 you may have a stable period, but, in general, no. It
20 continues to grow.

21 Q Now, the next stage you said was the tumor
22 cells acquire the ability to grow at other sites?

23 A Right. In other words, the tumor cell has
24 grown, it's invaded into a blood vessel, it has gone
25 through the blood vessel, and then it has to go through

1 another blood vessel and it has to be able to live in
2 another place. A place distant from the environment in
3 which it grew up.

4 Q Now, what gives the cells the ability to do
5 that?

6 A Nobody knows.

7 Q All right. The last two phases that we just
8 talked about, which is, in fact, the last three phases,
9 multiplication of the cell, then when the cell spreads
10 into human tissue, and the third one we just talked
11 about, do they come all after the first doubling?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Okay. So the only thing that comes before
14 the first doubling would be the induction phase and the
15 promotion phase?

16 A Induction and promotion.

17 Q Okay. Both of which are reversible by virtue
18 of a number of reasons which we have talked about?

19 A Well, either of which.

20 Q Either of which are?

21 A Either of which can be terminated. I don't
22 think you can reverse them. In other words, if you've
23 got induction, if you've got the chromosome break, the
24 chromosome break is going to be there and it's going to
25 be abnormal, that cell may die off and that takes care

1 of it. I don't think you can put the -- you are not
2 going to put the chromosome back together the way that
3 it should have been.

4 Q Let me ask you, I tried to look last night at
5 some of these sputum cytology studies that are around.
6 And am I correct that in some, let me put it this way,
7 am I correct that a malignant cell as diagnosed in one
8 of these sputum cytology studies, can whatever that
9 condition is, I'm not talking about that cell itself,
10 can be reversed if you remove the carcinogen?

11 A I'm not sure it reverses it. It may go away,
12 which is not precisely the same. From a functional
13 standpoint, the organ goes back, the organ reverses,
14 something may happen to get rid of these neoplastic or
15 cancerous or precancerous, cancerous cells. That's not
16 to say those same cells turn back into normal cells.

17 Q Correct. That's what I mean.

18 A They may die out.

19 Q The condition reverses itself?

20 A The condition may become reversible, but the
21 cells are not.

22 Q There are studies that show that?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And that would be also the case with respect
25 to the development of adenocarcinoma?

1 A I would guess that it probably would. The
2 only studies that I know of relate to squamous cell
3 carcinoma. That's really the only type of cancer that
4 has a recognizeable phase before invasion occurs. I
5 presume the same thing applies to adenocarcinoma, but
6 it would be much more difficult to demonstrate that.

7 Q Ah-hum. Okay. I don't want to spend very
8 much time on this, and I don't intend to, but I just
9 have a few questions about the phases of cancer
10 development for squamous, and I understand that they
11 are, that you classified them as, am I correct,
12 precarcinoma, preclinical, and clinical?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And you have talked about the average amount
15 of time for each of those three stages in the course of
16 the development of squamous cell carcinoma?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Could you tell us what those periods of time
19 are?

20 A I don't remember. I have written them down,
21 I would be glad to refer to them, but I don't remember.
22 It's a long time.

23 Q In the precarcinoma stage I understand it you
24 include metaplasia, there is something that you have as
25 atypical metaplasia. What's the difference between

1 metaplasia and atypical metaplasia?

2 A I discussed that yesterday. Atypical is a
3 term that's used by different people in different ways.
4 And I explained to him when I was at Hopkins "atypia"
5 meant neoplasia, what we thought was precancerous or
6 non-invasive cancer. At Yale we use "atypia" to mean a
7 cell which we think is responding to inflammatory
8 stimulus, and we use the term "dysplasia". So atypical
9 metaplasia is the same as dysplasia, which we think is
10 a cancer cell that is on its way to becoming a
11 full-fledged malignancy.

12 Q What is hyperplasia?

13 A Hyperplasia just means more cells than
14 normal.

15 Q Dysplasia?

16 A Dysplasia is what we just talked about.

17 Q Do you use the term "cancer-in-situ"?

18 A Yes.

19 Q What does that mean?

20 A That means cells that have gone on to become
21 malignant and the part that we talked about, but have
22 not yet acquired the ability to invade through the,
23 into the normal tissues.

24 Q All right. And as I understand, under this
25 hypothesis or theory cancer-in-situ does not

1 necessarily result in malignant cancer?

2 A Does not necessarily result in a tumorous
3 mass with invasion and metastasy.

4 Q Thank you. And so in that sense that
5 condition can be reversed if you've got cancer-in-situ?

6 A As we talked about before the condition can
7 be reversed if something comes along and kills those
8 cells off.

9 Q In adenocarcinoma do you find metaplasia,
10 hyperplasia, dysplasia, and cancer-in-situ?

11 A You can't relate it directly to the
12 adenocarcinoma, as you can in the squamous.

13 Q Now, can you tell us what are the causes of
14 metaplasia?

15 A Inflammatory noxious agents that would
16 include in any of the things we talked about.

17 Q That's certainly is not limited to people who
18 smoke cigarettes?

19 A No.

20 Q Hyperplasia?

21 A Same.

22 Q And if the causative agent is removed in
23 either one of these two, the condition abates?

24 A Yes.

25 Q If the causative agent is reduced does the

1 condition abate?

2 A If it's reduced enough.

3 Q And if the causative agent isn't reduced or
4 eliminated at all, in some circumstances the situation
5 can still abate, isn't that right?

6 A I don't think so. I think if you continue to
7 apply the agent in the same dose on the same schedule,
8 you will tend to get the same response unless you
9 change something else.

10 Q And this we already said, dysplasia and
11 cancer-in-situ can be reversed if you remove the agents
12 that are causing it?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And it can abate if you reduce that agent,
15 can it abate if you reduce that agent?

16 A I presume if you reduce it enough it can.

17 Q All right. Am I also correct that not all,
18 the condition of metaplasia doesn't always progress to
19 hyperplasia?

20 A Hyperplasia and metaplasia are really two
21 fundamentally different things. Hyperplasia means that
22 there are more cells. Metaplasia means that the form
23 of the individual cell has changed.

24 Q Okay. Let me --

25 A Now, there may be more of them, or there may

1 not, but they're fundamentally different processes.

2 Q Am I correct that not all hyperplasia
3 progresses to metaplasia?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And I guess it would then be not all
6 metaplasia progresses ineluctably to dysplasia?

7 A I think very little of the or very few of the
8 examples of metaplasia progress to dysplasia.

9 Q What happens to that metaplasia?

10 A It either persists or the noxious stimulus
11 ceases and it returns to normal.

12 Q And not all cancer-in-situ processes to a
13 malignant tumor, as you have defined malignant tumor?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And am I also correct it is clear from the
16 data that you know of that invasive cancer may occur in
17 the absence of these sequential progressive changes?

18 A I'm not clear which sequential changes --

19 Q I'm talking about the sequential changes of
20 hyperplasia to metaplasia, dysplasia, cancer-in-situ?

21 A Well, with adenocarcinoma you don't have
22 those stages.

23 Q Okay. What about with squamous carcinoma?
24 Isn't it the case that even that can occur without
25 these sequential changes?

1 A It can certainly occur where you can't find
2 those changes or evidence of those changes. Or those
3 changes may occur very rapidly. Whether or not it
4 occurs in the total absence of those changes, I'm not
5 sure, but it certainly may occur without demonstrable
6 evidence of those changes.

7 Q Is any part of your opinion today based on,
8 your opinion in this case based on your knowledge on
9 oncogenes?

10 A I certainly can't deny that I know something
11 about oncogenes. I would say that that is background
12 information that would reinforce my opinion, but it
13 isn't the primary basis for my opinion.

14 Q Let me ask you a few questions about that
15 then. Can you briefly describe what is an oncogene?

16 A An oncogene is a gene which when put into a
17 reproducing cell line causes it to become malignant.

18 Q Causes the cell line to become malignant.
19 What is the term, can you explain the term an "oncogene
20 expression"?

21 A Well, oncogene expression just means that the
22 oncogene is a gene on the chromosome and oncogenes, in
23 general, are those genes that are the genetic code for
24 important parts of the cell. In other words, they tell
25 the cell to make something that's significant. If it

1 were an insignificant thing, it wouldn't change the
2 cell very substantially. So that the expression of the
3 oncogene means that something has made the oncogene
4 have the cell make that particular product. Does that
5 answer your question?

6 Q Ah-hum.

7 (A brief recess was taken.)

8 Q Am I correct that how an oncogene comes to be
9 expressed remains unclear?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And I take that from one of the articles you
12 wrote on ovarian adenocarcinoma and I would like you to
13 explain what that means. Why and how an oncogene comes
14 to be expressed is unclear in the development of
15 adenocarcinoma?

16 A Well, because the oncogene may be present but
17 for some reason or another the cell may not be making
18 the product that the oncogene codes for. Does that
19 explain?

20 Q Not really. Not enough for me anyway. Can
21 you give me some more explanation on that?

22 A Okay. The oncogene is a gene which is either
23 identical to or very similar to, but subtly altered
24 from a normal gene. The oncogene is in the DNA. Now,
25 for something to happen the DNA has to be transcribed

1 to RNA. In other words, there is a messenger substance
2 that goes into the nucleus, picks up the information
3 and then moves out in the cell and starts the cell
4 making a certain thing and, let's say -- let's see,
5 what's something that would be simple to think about.
6 Let's say, well, this wouldn't be an oncogene. All
7 right, it's telling the cell to make some part of the
8 membrane which does a special thing.

9 Q Okay.

10 A Now, the oncogene is going to be on the
11 nucleus in the DNA on the chromosome and it's going to
12 stay there. There are some things that come along that
13 tell that cell to transcribe a lot of messenger RNA and
14 make a lot of this product or there are periods when
15 the oncogene stays in the DNA and it's not transcribing
16 messenger RNA and it's not making a lot of product
17 although the product that it made before may still be
18 there, so you may be able to find the product or you
19 may be able to find the messenger and from knowing
20 either of those two, then you know the oncogene is in
21 the DNA. I can diagram it for you probably a little bit
22 more simply if that might help.

23 Q Can a tumor develop or a tumor occur in the
24 absence of the expression of oncogenes?

25 A I don't know of a tumor that doesn't express

1 at least one oncogene and, in fact, most tumors express
2 a lot of oncogenes.

3 Q Dr. Carter, were there any causative factors,
4 in your opinion, other than smoking cigarettes in Peter
5 Rossi's development of adenocarcinoma?

6 A I didn't find reference to any specifically.

7 Q So there were none?

8 A That is correct. There were none.

9 Q So, had he stopped smoking, he would not have
10 gotten adenocarcinoma from cigarette smoking, is that
11 not right?

12 A I think it would depend on when he stopped
13 smoking.

14 Q Had he stopped smoking after having smoked
15 for ten years?

16 A I'm sorry. When did he start smoking?

17 Q I believe you testified that the basis of
18 your opinion in this case is that he smoked for thirty
19 plus years and that he was a heavy smoker, is that
20 right?

21 A I believe that the reference that I saw in
22 the history was that he smoked two packs a day for
23 thirty years.

24 Q And you said yesterday you based your opinion
25 on a sixty-pack year smoking history?

1 A Somewhere in that range.

2 Q Based on those assumptions had he quit ten
3 years after he started smoking, would he, is it your
4 opinion that he would not have gotten his lung cancer?

5 A I think it's less likely that he would have
6 gotten his lung cancer.

7 Q Is it more probable than not that he would
8 not have gotten his lung cancer?

9 A I'm sorry?

10 Q Is it more probable than not that had Peter
11 Rossi quit smoking at ten years after he started that
12 he would not have gotten lung cancer?

13 A Please bear with me. I'm trying to short
14 through the double negatives in the question. Let me
15 answer it this way. If we assume that he had about a
16 third of the exposure that he had, it would put him in
17 the moderate smoker range which would have reduced the
18 likelihood that he would have gotten a lung cancer.
19 Now, if you then multiply out a reduction by twenty
20 years, then I happened to catch on CNN, The National
21 Cancer Institute, now says that there's a thirty to
22 fifty percent fall-off in risk at ten years, that's
23 data that I haven't seen, but it was on CNN. That
24 would put it into a markedly, it would decrease the
25 likelihood of his having had cancer in 1982, but, in

1 other words, it's a, I think it's an unanswerable
2 question. Here you have somebody who demonstrated that
3 he did get lung cancer. Now, can you take that away?
4 I don't think there's any way to answer that. I think
5 if you take a population of people like Mr. Rossi who
6 only had a third of their exposure and decreased that
7 or stopped them from smoking over twenty years, there
8 is no question that you would markedly decrease the
9 incidence of lung cancer in that population of people.
10 Given an individual who's demonstrated that he can go
11 on to lung cancer, I don't know that you can put the
12 genie back in the bottle. I don't know the answer to
13 your question in a very strict sense.

14 Q Well, you did say that at some point when you
15 asked me what, at what point do you want me to have you
16 assume that he quit. You said that you thought it
17 would, quitting would have an impact. Let me ask you
18 this. Is it more probable than not that he would not
19 have gotten cancer had he stopped smoking one year
20 after he started. Can you tell me that?

21 A Is it more probable than not?

22 Q Yes.

23 A Yes.

24 Q All right. Is it more probable than not that
25 he would not have gotten his lung cancer, let us

1 assume, Doctor, that he started smoking at age
2 eighteen, all right, and he quit, smoking two packs a
3 day and he quit at age twenty-two, is it more probable
4 than not that he would not have gotten lung cancer?

5 A It's more probable that he would not have had
6 got lung cancer.

7 Q You have no trouble if you were advising a
8 patient or a friend or a family member to stop smoking
9 after five years of smoking to tell that person if you
10 stop smoking, more probable than not you won't get lung
11 cancer when you're fifty-five, sixty or sixty-five than
12 if you keep smoking. You don't have any problem giving
13 them that type of advice, am I correct?

14 A I wouldn't say that. I would say that, "If
15 you keep smoking you're more likely to get it." I
16 think for the individual who has smoked, who
17 subsequently develops lung cancer, that it's not a
18 mystery why they developed the lung cancer.

19 Q Okay. If somebody who was smoking for five
20 years asked you today, "If I stopped now can I avoid
21 getting lung cancer from my cigarette smoking?" what
22 would your answer be?

23 A There is nobody who can guarantee you that.
24 I can't tell you that "You're not going to get lung
25 cancer."

1 Q Can you tell me that it's more probable than
2 not that I'm not going to get lung cancer from my
3 cigarette smoking?

4 A I can say that it's in that group that more
5 people would not get lung cancer than would get lung
6 cancer.

7 Q Can you tell me --

8 A But if he we go twenty years and the person
9 says, "Doctor, you told me if I stopped smoking I
10 wouldn't get lung cancer. I stopped smoking I got lung
11 cancer, I'm going to sue you", I certainly wouldn't put
12 myself in that situation.

13 Q So you couldn't say that more probable than
14 not you are not going to get lung cancer from your
15 cigarette smoking, you wouldn't feel that you could say
16 that. A medical doctor could not say that to a patient
17 who inquired about what their chances were of avoiding
18 cigarette smoking if they stopped smoking?

19 MS. WALTERS: He answered that question
20 as to himself.

21 MR. KEARNY: I withdraw the question.

22 Q Doctor, let's continue on. If Peter Rossi
23 had stopped smoking two years after he started, would
24 you say more probable than not he would not get lung
25 cancer at the end of his lifetime from cigarette

1 smoking?

2 A Well, I'm not sure I can follow this line
3 out. If we talk about a group of people, we can say
4 that if they smoked for only one year or two years or
5 that the smaller the dose that they got, the less the
6 chance that they will develop lung cancer. The sooner
7 they stop, the better off they are. No matter when
8 they stop, they will decrease the risk of the entire
9 group for getting lung cancer. That doesn't apply to
10 an individual person who we know has got, died from
11 lung cancer. So I can't come back, "what would have
12 happened if", I don't know the answer. I don't, I
13 can't tell you that. I can tell you going forward, but
14 we can't go back.

15 Q Why is it that you can't tell me? Withdrawn.
16 If you can tell me for the group, what their chances
17 are of getting lung cancer if they quit, why can't you
18 tell me for an individual that would fall into the
19 group?

20 MS. WALTERS: He answered that question.

21 MR. KEARNY: He told me he couldn't say
22 it.

23 Q Tell me why?

24 A Why?

25 Q Right.

1 A Because you're starting from a different
2 point. If you start with a group of people who do not
3 have lung cancer, you can make a mathematical
4 calculation of how many of them might develop cancer
5 given a certain set of circumstances and follow it for
6 a certain period of time.

7 If, on the other hand, if you start at the
8 other end and you say this person has lung cancer, at
9 what point could we have said that he would not have
10 developed it. I think there are too many uncertainties
11 to --

12 Q Is that because you don't know which persons
13 or individuals in the group, you know that a certain
14 number of them will get the disease, but you don't know
15 which ones in the group are going to get it, is that
16 right?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And so, therefore, had Mr. Rossi stopped
19 smoking in 1964 you cannot say whether or not he would
20 have gotten lung cancer later on in his life, right?

21 A Is that a question?

22 Q Yes.

23 A Yes, I can't say.

24 Q Had he stopped in 1970, or '71, you couldn't
25 say whether or not he would have gotten lung cancer

1 from his cigarette smoking?

2 A Yes.

3 Q You can't say that, science cannot permit you
4 to say that?

5 A Right.

6 Q Doctor, doesn't all of the data support the
7 proposition that were Peter Rossi to stop smoking ten
8 years after he started that he would not have gotten
9 lung cancer?

10 MS. WALTERS: What data are you
11 referring to? I object to the form of the
12 question.

13 MR. KEARNY: He can say he doesn't know
14 or no. He can say he doesn't understand me.

15 A I would say that we know Mr. Rossi got lung
16 cancer. We can't redo history. We have to deal with
17 --

18 Q I'm asking you, I'm posing a hypothetical to
19 you, though. Let me take a person, all right, who is a
20 male, who is a smoker, two packs a day, okay, commences
21 smoking at age fifteen to eighteen, smokes for ten
22 years, two packs a day, and quits. Doesn't the
23 epidemiological data, the animal experimental data,
24 your human sputum cytological studies, all support the
25 proposition that more likely than not that smoker would

1 not get lung cancer in his lifetime from cigarette
2 smoking?

3 MS. WALTERS: Just so I can place an
4 objection on the record, this witness -- I
5 have let you go along on this for awhile.
6 You know we have a reduction of risk expert
7 who has reviewed all the data that does not
8 support your question, and this witness is
9 not being offered as a reduction of risk
10 expert. I have let you go along to a certain
11 point, but I think it's starting to get
12 objectionable. How long do you intend to
13 pursue this line of questioning, Mr. Kearny?

14 MR. KEARNY: I find you're coaching
15 inappropriate and I ask the witness for a
16 response.

17 MS. WALTERS: I don't know what data
18 you're referring to. Our expert, who is
19 offered on the subject disputes what you're
20 saying. This witness isn't being offered on
21 the subject. You're talking about a
22 hypothetical about, quote, "all the data" and
23 you won't even outline for the witness what
24 data you are referring to.

25 MR. KEARNY: Are you directing the

1 witness not to answer?

2 MS.WALTERS: I don't think I can.

3 MR. KEARNY: He'll answer it now or
4 before the jury.

5 MS. WALTERS: I don't think he is going
6 to answer it before the jury because he's not
7 being offered on this subject.

8 A I would go back to what I said. We know Mr.
9 Rossi got lung cancer. So we have to take him out of
10 discussion. If you want to give me a hundred people
11 like that, I can say that their risk of lung cancer
12 would be less and considerably less than that of a
13 hundred people who kept smoking at the same rate for
14 another twenty years. I can't tell you what might have
15 happened to Mr. Rossi if circumstances were changed.

16 Q That being the case, I assume you can't tell
17 us what part of his smoking, the first ten years, the
18 middle ten years, or the last ten years, made,
19 contributed the most to his development of his
20 adenocarcinoma?

21 MS. WALTERS: Again the --

22 MR.KEARNY: No speeches, just object.

23 MS. WALTERS: I am objecting.

24 A I would say that, yes.

25 Q Why don't we go on here. You mentioned Dr.

1 Auerbach's Beagle Study yesterday. And you mentioned
2 that you, I believe, saw the dogs?

3 A I saw one of the dogs who had smoked. He
4 wasn't smoking at the time.

5 Q So you did not see the apparatus?

6 A I saw the apparatus. I didn't see it in
7 operation.

8 Q So you didn't actually see a dog with the
9 trachial opening?

10 A I have seen photographs and, in fact, a movie
11 of it, but, I saw one of the dogs.

12 Q Do you rely on that research, on the results
13 of the research in connection with your testimony in
14 this case?

15 A Those dogs, in general, developed squamous
16 abnormalities and not adenocarcinoma. So, in that
17 sense, I'm not relying on it.

18 Q What were the results of that test?

19 A They found that the dogs, the beagles who
20 smoked for a period of time developed changes in their
21 respiratory tree which were considered to be
22 pre-cancerous, that were fully malignant. Those
23 changes were predominantly of the squamous type,
24 although I believe there were some changes out in the
25 periphery of the lung, but as I recall none of them

1 developed, none of them died of their cancer. It was a
2 short-term experiment.

3 Q Do you believe that what happened in that
4 study in the beagles is also what happens in human lung
5 cancer?

6 A Oh, I think there are some similarities and
7 there are certainly some differences. They were dogs.
8 They smoked almost continuously and the period of time
9 was relatively short. Dogs don't live nearly as long
10 as humans do so the time of the exposure was quite
11 limited. I think that extrapolation is always somewhat
12 risky as we have just talked about, and I think that,,
13 it's not surprising that those dogs had what were
14 interpreted as early stage lesions rather than
15 full-fledged cancer.

16 Q When you mentioned the term "extrapolation",
17 what do you mean?

18 A To say that the dogs smoked for a year,
19 therefore, what would have happened if they smoked for
20 thirty years. Well, dogs don't live for thirty years,
21 so we can't say.

22 Q Can you extrapolate from that dog study to
23 what happens in human beings who smoke?

24 A I think you can extrapolate some of the acute
25 phase of smoking.

1 Q What do you mean by the "acute phase"?

2 A In other words, the early years. I don't
3 think, certainly they didn't smoke for thirty years, so
4 you can't get information.

5 Q Do you, let me put this hypothetical to you.
6 If a cigarette was developed and tested in Auerbach's
7 beagle dog system and there were no precancerous
8 changes, could you extrapolate that to humans and
9 determine that cigarette would have the same effect,
10 which is no precancerous changes in humans?

11 (The pending question was read.)

12 A I don't think you could fully extrapolate it.
13 I think if you found no precancerous lesions, I think
14 it would be a very interesting observation and worth
15 pursuing. One of the ways to tell something is
16 precancerous is to follow it for a long time. Of
17 course, dogs don't live a long time by human standards
18 so you couldn't say that you followed the dog for two
19 years and he didn't have cancer then when humans live
20 for a much longer period of time. So it's an
21 interesting idea, but I'm not sure it would prove your
22 point.

23 Q But you couldn't conclude from that that the
24 cigarette smoked by humans would cause no precancerous
25 changes, right?

1 A In part due to the fact that you couldn't
2 follow them long enough.

3 Q Couldn't follow the dogs?

4 A Right.

5 Q Do you rely on mouse skin painting animal
6 experiments at all for your opinions in this case?

7 A In part.

8 Q What part?

9 A To indicate that some of the substances are
10 capable of inducing tumors in a very finite situation.

11 Q When you mean "finite situation" what do you
12 mean?

13 A I mean that you can say that the only agent
14 which is being applied is X.

15 Q Is the mouse skin painting model more closely
16 analogous to the human system than Auerbach's
17 inhalation model?

18 A I think it's -- no, it's not more similar to
19 the human situation.

20 Q In fact, it's less similar or more
21 dissimilar?

22 A More dissimilar.

23 Q At present is the mouse skin painting model
24 viewed as a valid research tool to determine
25 carcinogen?

1 A Mice are not used anymore than necessary for
2 two reasons. One for humane reasons, and secondly,
3 because they're terribly expensive. There are other
4 tests that are used mainly to do with mutagenicity of
5 the agent and cell lines and in bacterial lines which
6 of cheaper and have assumed the role of a standard
7 rather than using live animals.

8 Q Are you aware of the dissimilarities in the
9 mouse skin painting model and the human system of
10 smoking, do you know what they are?

11 A I certainly know some of them.

12 Q What are they?

13 A First of all, it's skin and not lung.
14 Secondly, it's a mouse and not a human, and thirdly,
15 it's a single agent rather than numerous agents.
16 Fourth, the time of observation is very brief rather
17 than very prolonged.

18 Q Would you say the route of administration is
19 different as well?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Would you say the substance on which the, the
22 substance that is being tested is different namely
23 cigarette smoke condensate is different from whole
24 fresh smoke?

25 A In some ways, yes.

1 Q And that the dose is different?

2 A The does is different.

3 Q Can you and also that the mice are bred to be
4 susceptible to developing skin carcinomas, is that
5 correct, the mice used in these studies?

6 A I don't know.

7 Q Are you aware that the, are the defense
8 mechanisms different?

9 A In mice versus man?

10 Q Yes, that come into play with lung cancer in
11 man and that come into play, if they do at all, in the
12 mice skin paintings, cigarette smoke condensated on the
13 backs of mice?

14 A I think they would be, Certainly would not be
15 identical.

16 Q Do you know how they differ?

17 A No.

18 Q And what about the nature of the tumor, is
19 the tumor on the backs of the mice resulting from the
20 application of the mice in this protocol of cigarette
21 smoke condensate and squamous carcinoma and
22 adenocarcinoma?

23 A A squamous cell carcinoma.

24 Q Did the 1964 Surgeon General's Report rely on
25 mouse skin paintings as part of the basis for its

1 conclusion that cigarette smoking was a causative
2 factor in lung cancer?

3 A I don't recall.

4 Q Now, I believe you said that you relied on
5 the mouse skin paintings and you may not have -- to
6 some extent in your opinion. To what extent, in what
7 respect do you rely on the mouse skin paintings again?

8 A I rely on them to indicate that there are
9 certain substances which stated in the literature which
10 are found in cigarette smoke which are known to be
11 carcinogenic.

12 Q Let me ask you this hypothetical question.
13 Assume for a moment that none of the mouse skin
14 paintings ever resulted in any tumorigenicity, the
15 production of carcinomas on the backs of mice, never
16 happened, in all of the protocols of cigarette smoke
17 condensate that never happened. Would that change your
18 opinion?

19 A No.

20 Q Your opinion would still be that cigarette
21 smoking causes lung cancer?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And that's derived, and that's, I guess, it's
24 because -- well, why is that?

25 A I answered that question yesterday.

1 Q I don't want you --

2 A Maybe we can read it back.

3 Q I will cull through it. I don't want you --
4 so that if, today, cigarettes were, cigarette smoke
5 condensate from cigarettes today were applied to backs
6 of mice in the normal protocol and resulted in no
7 tumorigenicity, no cancer production on the backs of
8 mice, you couldn't conclude that that cigarette would
9 not cause lung cancer, is that right?

10 MS. WALTERS: He just answered that.

11 Q Did you just answer that?

12 A I'm sorry. Would you read it back for me.

13 (The pending question was read.)

14 A Yes.

15 Q You were in medical school when, in 1958 or
16 '57, did you begin?

17 A 1957 to 1961.

18 Q You talked yesterday about the, I believe
19 personal and professional evolution of your opinions
20 with respect to cigarette smoking and lung cancer and I
21 would like to go over them if I can a bit. At that
22 time were you taught anything about cigarette smoking
23 and lung cancer?

24 MS. WALTERS: Asked and answered.

25 A I don't remember having heard it.

1 Q So you don't recall what your teachers said
2 or what your textbooks may have said about that?

3 A Yes.

4 Q What textbooks do you recall using that dealt
5 with cancer. Let me just go back. Did you study
6 cancer at all?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Do you recall studying cancer?

9 A Yes.

10 Q In what courses did you study cancer?

11 A Studied it in internal medicine and in
12 surgery.

13 Q Okay. And am I correct that you also did a
14 surgical residency?

15 A I was an intern and a first year resident in
16 surgery.

17 Q Did you also study it in pathology courses?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And you don't remember what was said about
20 cigarette smoking and lung cancer in medical school in
21 any of these courses if anything was said?

22 A I can't recall.

23 Q Okay. Can you recall what texts were used?

24 A I'd be glad to go back and look them up, but
25 right off the top of my head, I can tell you that the

1 clinical medicine text was Harrison. Harrison.

2 Q Harrison?

3 A And several others. He was the first editor.
4 The surgery text. I can't remember what surgery text I
5 used during my time in surgery, during my time in
6 medical school. I have had several and I can't
7 remember which one it was. The pathology textbook was
8 Anderson.

9 Q Now, in any or all of those courses did they
10 discuss the causes of lung cancer?

11 A Well, that's over thirty years ago now. I'm
12 going to have to tell you that I don't remember
13 specifically, that that's been over thirty years ago.

14 Q Okay, fine. I'm just asking for your best
15 recollection. Did they tell you when you were
16 examining a patient when you became an intern and then
17 a resident whether you should, did they instruct you to
18 take a smoking history from patients?

19 A Again, that's twenty-nine years ago. I don't
20 remember.

21 Q Did you, do you recall taking smoking
22 histories from patients?

23 A Yes.

24 Q When you were an intern?

25 A Yes.

1 Q And again, when were you an intern?

2 A 1961 to '62.

3 Q And that was at Johns Hopkins?

4 A No, that was at Ohio State University in
5 Columbus, Ohio.

6 Q I didn't spend much time with the resume.
7 And then you went to Johns Hopkins after that?

8 A No, after I was an intern I was a first year
9 resident in surgery at Ohio State University.

10 Q That was '62 to '6 --

11 A '63. Then 1963 to 1965, I was at Walter Reed
12 in Washington in the army. From 1965 until 1968 I was
13 a resident in pathology at Hopkins. From 1968 to 1969,
14 I was a fellow in pathology at Memorial Sloan-Kittering
15 in New York, and from 1969 to 1977 I was back at
16 Hopkins on the faculty.

17 Q Did you know why you were asking these
18 patients to give their smoking history?

19 A I think that the primary reason was that in
20 surgery most of them were going to have general
21 anesthesia. It was felt that smoking history would
22 impact on their response to inhale anesthetic agents.

23 Q Any other reason?

24 A Very few of the rotations I was on had
25 patients who had lung cancer. Most of the rotations

1 were general surgery that had to do with
2 gastrointestinal lesions, so that the smoking history
3 was not particularly pertinent to them. In terms of
4 the specific reason and identifying people at risk for
5 lung cancer, I don't recall that that was, that that
6 was so.

7 Q Let me ask you --

8 MS. WALTERS: He hasn't finished the
9 answer. "I don't recall that that was a" and
10 then you interrupted.

11 Q I didn't think you had anything else to say.
12 I'm sorry?

13 A I was finished.

14 Q Okay. If, Doctor, it had been proven in
15 1958, when you started medical school, that cigarette
16 smoking was a cause of lung cancer, would your medical
17 school professors know that?

18 (The pending question was read.)

19 A I think my medical school professors were
20 very good and I think they would have been aware --

21 Q You just don't recall?

22 A -- of publications.

23 Q And do you have any recollection that they
24 told you at the time you were in medical school that
25 cigarette smoking was a cause of lung cancer?

1 A You're asking me from a vantage point that
2 would indicate it would be incredible if they didn't
3 say that. I don't remember whether they told that or
4 not.

5 Q And you don't recall whether you had occasion
6 to tell patients that? Let me withdraw the question
7 and ask this question. Who were your professors at
8 Ohio State that would have taught you about lung cancer
9 in any of the courses we talked about?

10 A I didn't have any teachers as such. I was a
11 resident, an intern and resident at Ohio State. The
12 person who was involved in pulmonary surgery there to
13 the greatest extent was a person by the name of Karl
14 Klassen.

15 Q What about in medical school, who were the
16 professors that would have taught you those subjects?

17 A I can remember one of the surgeons was Dr.
18 Alfred Blaylock.

19 Q Can you remember any of the others, in
20 surgery, pathology or internal medicine?

21 A Pathology, everybody taught everything pretty
22 much. Pathology, internal medicine, I think, probably
23 Richard Sheppard.

24 Q Okay. Did there come a time that you began
25 to advise patients with respect to smoking and their

1 health?

2 A No. I should point out that I stopped seeing
3 patients in 1963.

4 Q So at no time, there was never a time that
5 you advised patients on smoking. Did you and your
6 peers in Ohio State and then at Walter Reed, prior to
7 that in medical school at Johns Hopkins, rely on the
8 tobacco companies to provide you with information about
9 cigarette smoking and health?

10 A No.

11 Q Do you recall in the time you were in medical
12 school that there was a scientific debate over the
13 question of whether or not smoking caused lung cancer?

14 MS. WALTERS: Are you representing to
15 him that there was or are you asking if he
16 recalls it?

17 Q I'm asking whether you recall?

18 A I recall that there was a debate. I recall
19 that the debate sort of came to a head in the '60's.

20 Q And what period in the '60's?

21 A I would say the early to mid '60's.

22 Q Were you surprised by the results of the
23 Surgeon General's Report?

24 A I'm not sure "surprised" is a word that I
25 would use.

1 Q Was the community of your colleagues and
2 peers at that time at Walter Reed, would you say they
3 were surprised by the results of the Surgeon General's
4 Report?

5 A I think in 1964 everybody was concerned about
6 Viet Nam and not the Surgeon General's Report and lung
7 cancer.

8 Q Did you have any knowledge as to why the
9 Surgeon General's Advisory Committee, is it committee
10 or commission, was formed in 1962 ultimately reporting
11 their findings in January of 1964?

12 A No.

13 Q Tell us what you recall of this debate over
14 the issue or questions as to whether or not cigarette
15 smoking causes lung cancer when you were in medical
16 school and then in your internship and residency?

17 MS. WALTERS: If I have the years right,
18 it was mid-'60's.

19 MR. KEARNY: He said it came to a head at
20 that point in time.

21 A I think part of my recollections are colored
22 by the reading of the history at the time, so I'm not
23 sure I can.

24 Q Meaning your present reading?

25 A Right.

1 Q Or recent history, reading of the history?

2 A Of the history of it. My recollection is
3 that there was a growing body of evidence to suggest
4 that lung cancer was related to cigarette smoking and
5 that a number of studies were carried out and, indeed,
6 I think that the topic is still actively scrutinized
7 and that the bulk of the studies began to show that
8 there was a serious relationship between the two, and
9 as more and more studies were designed, it seemed to
10 become more and more clear that this was a very
11 substantial relationship.

12 Q Have you actually reviewed, yourself, any of
13 the underlying epidemiological data or studies that are
14 referred to in the Surgeon General's Reports?

15 A I have read some of the papers, yes.

16 Q Is a smoker less likely to get lung cancer
17 from cigarette smoking if the smoker smokes a low tar
18 cigarette rather than a high tar cigarette?

19 A I don't know.

20 Q It struck me during the course of the
21 deposition yesterday that I didn't understand your use
22 of the term "reasonable degree of medical certainty" or
23 "reasonable degree of medical probability", and I
24 wanted to see if I could probe that a little bit to
25 find out what that means.

1 First of all, I guess it means something less
2 than certainty, a hundred percent certainty?

3 A I have always had difficulty with the term as
4 well. I think that "medical certainty" to me means is
5 it sufficiently likely that you would act on the
6 information.

7 Q Thank you. It does not mean to you, or --
8 withdrawn. Is that definition that you have just given
9 me, would you consider that a generally accepted
10 definition in the medical community?

11 A I don't know.

12 Q Can you tell me if you have ever, tell me
13 where you got that definition?

14 A Oh, I have struggled with the idea
15 considerably. All my colleagues struggle with this
16 "reasonable medical certainty" as opposed to
17 "reasonable medical uncertainty", and where one draws
18 the line. I think it's a difficult and a judgmental --

19 Q In any event, you will agree with me that it
20 is not simply the weighing of evidence? Let me
21 withdraw that. It is not simply in a situation, the
22 situation where there is uncertainty and a situation in
23 which there is evidence supporting two theories, okay?
24 The use of the term "reasonable medical probability" is
25 not simply a determination of which evidence outweighs

1 the other evidence, it's not just simply determination
2 of the preponderance of the evidence, but rather there
3 must be some objective standard that tells a doctor
4 whether there is enough evidence on either side of the
5 question for him to conclude that there is reasonable
6 medical certainty?

7 MS. WALTERS: I'm going to object to the
8 form of your question. You used two
9 different terms in the same question to mean
10 the same thing.

11 A First of all --

12 MR. KEARNY: That may very well be the
13 case and I apologize.

14 Q If you do not understand the question, I will
15 assume you will tell me?

16 A I do understand the question. First of all,
17 it's not simple at all. You can't use the word
18 "simple" in it. I think if there are two groups of or
19 two bodies of evidence, neither of which seems to have
20 considerable support or neither of which has very much
21 support, then if you weigh those two types of evidence
22 and one is higher than the other, that still doesn't
23 tell you that you're reasonably certain. You do need
24 evidence of a type which is more compelling and enough
25 of it and the definition of "enough" is what we all

1 struggle with in order to reach a decision of
2 reasonable medical certainty.

3 Q Okay. Can we take our afternoon break?

4 (Recessed from 4:10 and resumed at 4:25 p.m.)

5 CONTINUED EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. KEARNY:

7 Q Am I correct, Dr. Carter, that had Peter
8 Rossi stopped smoking prior to the induction of the
9 cell that ultimately resulted in his adenocarcinoma,
10 that he would not have gotten adenocarcinoma from
11 cigarette smoking?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Now, assume the induction was caused by
14 a carcinogen related to his smoking, by the
15 inhalation of a carcinogen from his smoking. If Peter
16 Rossi had stopped smoking after that induction but
17 before the promotion stage, aren't I correct that he
18 would not have gotten adenocarcinoma from cigarette
19 smoking?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And the same is the case if the induction
22 that ultimately resulted in his adenocarcinoma, was
23 caused by some other agent or carcinogen unrelated to
24 smoking?

25 A I'm not clear on your question.

1 Q I'm asking you to assume that the induction
2 that ultimately resulted in his adenocarcinoma was not
3 caused by his cigarette smoking was caused by something
4 else and after that induction he stopped smoking
5 cigarettes before the promotion stage, that it's more
6 likely than not that he would not have gotten this
7 adenocarcinoma from cigarette smoking?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Now, assume that the induction was caused
10 by his cigarette smoking and that the promotion was
11 caused by his cigarette smoking, but he stopped
12 smoking at that phase of the development of this
13 adenocarcinoma he would have avoided the cancer, isn't
14 that right?

15 A I'm sorry. Could you restate it?

16 Q Okay. Assume that the induction and that the
17 promotion was caused by carcinogens from his smoking
18 but he stopped smoking after that stage. Isn't it more
19 likely than not that it would not have developed into
20 the adenocarcinoma?

21 A I don't know that.

22 Q All right.

23 A I would say the answer is likely, if you
24 assume it had gotten started then the answer would be
25 no.

1 Q But we're assuming it got inducted, it got
2 promoted, we assume the carcinogen was then removed.
3 Isn't it more likely that it would not have developed
4 into a adenocarcinoma?

5 A No, I don't think that follows. Once
6 induction and promotion start, then ball is rolling.

7 Q In the opinion you just gave, would it make
8 any difference when the induction and promotion that
9 ultimately resulted in his adenocarcinoma had occurred?

10 MS. WALTERS: When in his lifetime?

11 A When? No.

12 Q I will vary the question just a little bit.
13 Assume that the induction occurred, that promotion
14 occurred, but this was, but prior to the neoplastic
15 change that we spoke about, he stopped smoking. Isn't
16 it more likely than not that he wouldn't have gotten
17 lung cancer?

18 A You can't have all those things. If
19 induction and promotion have occurred, then you have
20 started the neoplasm off on its way. Then it's just a
21 question of time before it becomes evident.

22 Q Yeah, but this is before it has acquired the
23 ability to invade human tissue, it's before it acquired
24 the ability to grow to other sites. It's at a time
25 when it can be attacked by the immunological -- by the

1 well, I will leave it at that. Had he stopped smoking
2 at that time, is it more likely than not that he would
3 have avoided his cancer?

4 A I don't think you can say that, no.

5 Q Can you say one way or the other whether he
6 would have avoided it?

7 A I would say, if you would take as a given
8 that it's induced and promoted sufficiently, then, you
9 know, you can say it's either promoted or not, but if
10 you tell me it's already been promoted then you finish
11 those two phases and it's on its way and, yes, at that
12 point technically he has cancer.

13 Q What was the time period from promotion and
14 when the tumor became clinically observable in the
15 Peter Rossi case?

16 A I don't know. I gave you the inner and outer
17 limits of that.

18 Q You did. Okay. What if you removed the
19 carcinogen, stop the smoking, if you will, halfway
20 through the promotion stage?

21 A Well, if it's not fully promoted then it
22 won't become cancer.

23 Q Okay. And how long is that, is that -- is
24 the period from the time it begins the promotion phase
25 to the time it becomes fully promoted, as you say, is

1 that period encompassed within the timeframe that you
2 gave us earlier in the deposition? Do you know what I
3 mean by that?

4 A No.

5 Q Okay. Is the, you gave us a timeframe from
6 inducement to, I guess it was clinical observation of
7 the tumor, and you said it was from two to five years
8 to fifteen to twenty years?

9 A No, that's not --

10 Q Could you explain? I think there was
11 confusion as to what you said.

12 A I will be glad to. Induction occurs in the
13 cell. The cell has a finite life. Promotion has to
14 occur while that cell is alive or the cell dies and the
15 induction dies with it.

16 Q Right.

17 A And then the next cell, another cell may
18 become induced and during that cell's lifetime it must
19 be promoted or it dies. So, it is a continuing
20 process.

21 Q But we're not concerned -- I'm sorry, I
22 didn't mean to --

23 A The promotion has to occur in the induced
24 cell.

25 Q Right. We're not concerned with an induced

1 cell that died off because that didn't cause Peter
2 Rossi's adenocarcinoma, correct? ,

3 A That is correct.

4 Q We're concerned about the one that
5 you contend did start the process that caused his
6 adenocarcinoma, that's what we're dealing with,
7 right?

8 A Right.

9 Q What we don't know, when that, am I correct,
10 that induced cell was induced?

11 A Yes.

12 Q We don't know when it began the process,
13 correct?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Now, to make things clear, so we all
16 understand each other, what I'm asking you is, from
17 that time, right, when the induced cell that started
18 this process off to the time that his tumor became
19 clinically observable in this case, how much time
20 elapsed?

21 A I would say that it required somewhere
22 between thirty doubling times. Anywhere in the range
23 of thirty to a maximum of forty, less than forty
24 probably in the neighborhood of thirty, thirty
25 something, doublings and that those doublings might

1 have been as brief as fifty days or as long as two
2 hundred and fifty days.

3 Q Okay.

4 A Now, I think, if you do that arithmetic it
5 comes out to about the years that I gave you, but it's
6 certainly simple enough to do the arithmetic.

7 Q There's just another piece of uncertainty
8 that you may be able to resolve. On the one hand you
9 talked about the induction promotion process that you
10 think goes on with adenocarcinoma. On the other hand
11 we've talked about the hyperplasia, metaplasia,
12 dysplasia phases of the development of the squamous
13 cell carcinoma. Does the induction promotion process
14 that you talked about also occur in the development of
15 hyperplasia?

16 A Hyperplasia can occur completely
17 independently.

18 Q Okay. Does induction --

19 A Of either induction or promotion.

20 Q Does induction promotion relate at all to
21 these phases of the development of squamous cell
22 carcinoma?

23 A Yes.

24 Q When does that occur in these phases?

25 A It --

1 Q The phases are hyperplasia, metaplasia,
2 displasia, cancer-in-situ, malignant cells, as I
3 understand it.

4 A Your question is?

5 Q Where does this concept or mechanism of
6 induction and promotion occur, if it does at all?

7 A Induction occurs in a way that you can't
8 see as either hyperplasia or metaplasia. An agent
9 which was promoting could produce hyperplasia and/or
10 metaplasia. And if it were acting on an induced cell,
11 then that cell would go on to become displastic. If
12 it were acting on a non-induced cell, that cell would
13 just become either hyperplastic or metaplastic. And if
14 you withdraw the stimulus, then it would return to
15 normal.

16 Q So, where you have displasia, you will
17 necessarily have the presence of inducted and promoted
18 cells?

19 A Yes. Where you have metaplasia and
20 hyperplasia you have promoted cells but not necessarily
21 induced cells.

22 Q All right. But with dysplasia that's
23 reversible, remove the agent and it goes away?

24 A The cells die off.

25 Q So that means even induced and promoted cells

1 die off?

2 A Yes. Well, let me correct that. They do die
3 off if you were to put them into a tissue culture
4 medium where everything is favorable and there are no
5 noxious stimuli, they wouldn't die off like normal
6 cells they would continue to reproduce. But in the
7 situation where they do die off in the body, there may
8 be many other factors acting to actively kill them.

9 Q Okay. What was, what's the time period in
10 your estimation or in your opinion from the time of the
11 production of the neoplasm or the occurrence of the
12 neoplasm to the time of clinical observation of Peter
13 Rossi's adenocarcinoma?

14 A I don't know that. It would be within the
15 ranges that I gave you.

16 Q Can you tell me where within those ranges?

17 A No, you know, I'd be sure it's within those
18 ranges and beyond that I wouldn't be certain.

19 Q So you can't say it's ten years before
20 observation?

21 A I can't tell you that.

22 Q Whether it's five years before observation?

23 A Right.

24 Q Okay.

25 MR. KEARNY: I have no further questions

1 and pass the witness.

2 Thank you very much, Dr. Carter.

3 CROSS-EXAMINATION

4 BY MR. ALLINDER:

5 Q Doctor, I'm Bill Allinder, an attorney for one
6 of the Defendants in this case.

7 You have used the term in -- or terms in your
8 testimony "clinical" and "subclinical"?

9 A Preclinical.

10 Q Preclinical. And I assume that the term
11 clinical means clinically observable?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And what specifically does that mean
14 "clinically observable"?

15 A The clinical phase was defined as the phase
16 in which the patient felt ill or had a cough or some
17 symptoms that would be related to the presence of the
18 neoplasm in the lung, and that would be either cough or
19 coughing up blood, or chest pain, or fever due to the
20 pneumonia associated with it, or whatever symptoms that
21 would bring him to medical attention, or a lesion that
22 was evident on a chest x-ray.

23 Q In this particular case when did Mr. Rossi's
24 tumor become clinical?

25 A I would say that it became clinical at the

1 point where he started having symptoms, which was not
2 too long before he came into the hospital.

3 Q You don't recall specifically from your
4 review of the medical records when that may have
5 occurred?

6 A I think it was a reasonably brief time. I
7 would have to check to get anymore accurate. In other
8 words, month-to-month rather than years.

9 Q You also, I think, had mentioned earlier that
10 adenocarcinoma typically has a long doubling time?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And in this particular case because of the
13 size of the tumor, that is described in the gross
14 autopsy as well as the distant metastases, you thought
15 perhaps this tumor had probably doubled a little
16 quicker in its latter stages of development, is that
17 correct?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Now, you were describing for Mr. Kearny
20 before I think there were five stages of tumor
21 formation?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And --

24 MS. WALTERS: Four or five? Was it
25 four?

1 Q I think it's five. Do you agree with me,
2 Doctor, there are five. I suppose we can tick through
3 them again.

4 A I think it's five. Well, there's induction,
5 promotion, growth, invasion and growth in another site
6 or metastasis, so five.

7 Q Metastasis is the fifth. In this particular
8 case, when during this process do you think the
9 doubling time quickened, shortened?

10 A During the final phase.

11 Q During the phase five which is, as I
12 understand it, is in the clinical phase as opposed to
13 the preclinical?

14 A Yes, clinical.

15 Q At stage three which is the growth stage, at
16 that point in time the tumor or the neoplasm is
17 preclinical, is that correct?

18 A It may be unless you happen to get a chest
19 x-ray.

20 Q So when we're talking about stage three for
21 this particular cancer, it is more likely that that
22 neoplasm was doubling at a slower rate?

23 A Yes.

24 Q You had given us, I think, a fifty day to two
25 hundred and fifty day window or variation between the

1 doubling times for adenocarcinoma?

2 A Yes.

3 Q So I suppose from your testimony you're
4 telling us from the time this tumor was clinical in its
5 last stage that the doubling time was probably on the
6 short end?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Down towards fifty?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Back when we're in stage 3, more likely than
11 not it's toward the longer end, two hundred fifty?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Okay. And I think you also said that it
14 takes thirty to forty doublings from the end of phase
15 two before it becomes clinical?

16 A Yes -- no, until you die.

17 Q Until you die?

18 A Right. But unfortunately, the clinical phase
19 is usually between thirty and forty.

20 Q Mr. Kearny had asked you about the time that
21 it would take for a tumor to go from stage one to
22 becoming clinically observable and you had given him a
23 range in years again based upon the variation in
24 doubling time that was available for adenocarcinoma, is
25 that correct?

1 A Yes.

2 Q But considering the fact that you think that
3 this tumor was doubling at a slower rate toward the
4 slow end in its preclinical state, isn't it more likely
5 that the period of time from stage one to becoming
6 clinically observable was longer as opposed to shorter?

7 A Certainly it's possible. I don't know how to
8 tell you whether I would say that I think the latter
9 part of the disease was more probably than not
10 associated with a more rapid growth. Whether or not
11 you can extrapolate back and say the earlier phase was
12 slow, and then it took off, or that it was something
13 that went through all of the phases at a very rapid
14 pace, I think is speculation.

15 Q Perhaps I misunderstood you a few minutes
16 ago. I thought you told me that it was more likely
17 that the tumor was doubling at a slower rate in its
18 preclinical stage?

19 A I think it was growing more slowly in its
20 preclinical stage than at the very end. Now, whether
21 or not that slower was fifty, two hundred fifty, and
22 the terminal rate was toward the shorter time, I don't
23 know. I would be guessing, and I don't have a very
24 firm basis on which to guess. So, I'm not trying to
25 evade or mislead you, I think what I said was that when

1 you asked me, was the final stage of the tumor
2 associated with more rapid growth, I think that's true.
3 If one goes back to the doubling from one to thirty, I
4 don't think we have any information on that. I think
5 it would be slower than it was doubling at the end, but
6 which of those rates it was taking, I just wouldn't
7 know how to guess.

8 Q Is that information scientifically
9 unknowable?

10 A I think it's unknowable, yes. The only way
11 to determine an accurate doubling time is to have an
12 accurate measure of the size of the tumor at one point,
13 wait a period of time, and determine that the tumor has
14 increased in size and then make the calculation for
15 doubling of mass and come up with a figure in terms of
16 days. If you don't have two points, if you're working
17 with only one point, then you can't determine what the
18 doubling time was. If you look at something that's
19 spreading all over the body, living in the lymphatics
20 of various organs, it suggests that it's a tumor that's
21 growing very rapidly. To go back in time and say it
22 started off and it escalated at twenty-seven doubling
23 times, I think it would be highly speculative.

24 Q I think that you had told Mr. Kearny earlier
25 that if the stimulus, the cause of the initiation was

1 removed after stage two, after promotion was completed,
2 that the removal of the stimulus would not affect the
3 outcome of that particular neoplastic growth, is that
4 correct?

5 A Yes.

6 Q I think you used the words "off and rolling"
7 "or the ball was rolling" by that time?

8 A Yes.

9 Q By the end of promotion. I guess in my
10 layman's terminology I would say that the carcinogen or
11 more than one carcinogen had done its work by that
12 point?

13 A Yes.

14 Q You had used a term a couple of times in your
15 testimony, I think it's "proliferation"?

16 A Yes.

17 Q What do you mean by "proliferation"?

18 A It's the increase in the number of cells from
19 one to two to four to eight to sixteen to thirty-two.

20 Q As you use the term then it's essentially the
21 same as cell division?

22 A Yes.

23 Q It is one cell dividing into two cells. Is
24 that the same as mitosis?

25 A Mitosis is the process by which a cell

1 divides from one into two. And proliferation also
2 implies that you are increasing, that the division is
3 going on more rapidly than in cell death, so that
4 you're accumulating more cells rather than being in a
5 steady state.

6 In other words, if you have one cell it
7 divides and forms two, and one of them dies, you still
8 have one. But if you are undergoing mitosis at a rapid
9 rate and one goes to two and both of them stay alive
10 and both of those divide to make four, and it increases
11 exponentially.

12 Q So you were using the term to really mean
13 increased cell division or increased proliferation?

14 A Yes.

15 Q More than what you would expect to see in the
16 ordinary circumstances in a particular tissue that
17 you're viewing?

18 A Yes.

19 Q As I take it that different cell tissues
20 divide at different rates?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And also it will divide at different rates
23 depending on the age of the individual concerned?

24 A I think that the age has relatively little to
25 do with the rate at which the normal cells turn over.

1 Q I was using age very, very broadly to suggest
2 that you would find, for example, more cell
3 proliferation or division, rapid division in a
4 particular organ of a young than you would in a fully
5 grown adult, as an example?

6 A One would think that that would be true, but
7 it's not a major difference. I think the major
8 difference in people is that they get older is that
9 it's not that the cells aren't turning over, but that
10 the cells are dying a little bit faster.

11 Q But when an individual is growing, there is
12 an accumulation of additional cells, obviously, to
13 accommodate for the growth?

14 A Yes.

15 Q That was the only point I was trying to make.
16 And I think that I had asked you a minute ago, you said
17 a minute ago that within an adult different cells
18 divide at different rates?

19 A Yes.

20 Q For example, there is, I suppose, no cell
21 division in the brain tissue and perhaps very rapid
22 cell division in skin?

23 A Yes.

24 Q When cells divide it's a part of the mitotic
25 process there is a duplication of the entire DNA of the

1 cell, is that correct?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And do mistakes spontaneously occur during
4 mitosis in the sense that a mutation or a genetic
5 abnormality results?

6 A Well, I'm not sure mistakes occur.
7 Abnormalities certainly become evident.

8 Q I'm using the term "mistake" in the sense
9 they're not an exact duplication of the genetic
10 material so that there is a gap, there is something
11 missing, something has been put in the wrong place,
12 it's not an exact duplicate?

13 A That occurs.

14 Q Can abnormalities, genetic abnormalities
15 occurring from normal cell division, mitosis in normal
16 cells, ever result in a malignancy?

17 A I don't know.

18 Q Is it possible?

19 A Certainly it's theoretically possible, but
20 with the variety of agents that we know that can cause
21 breaks, it would be difficult to exclude that there was
22 no cause for the break other than a mistake on the part
23 of a normal cell. I don't think we see mistakes
24 occurring. I'm trying to think of a situation where
25 something that could be called a mistake happens. None

1 come to mind.

2 Q So as far as you know there are no genetic
3 abnormalities resulting from normal cell mitosis, am I
4 understanding you correctly?

5 A I think there are not abnormalities that
6 result that don't have some cause. I think if you're
7 given a normal cell and left alone and allowing it to
8 continue to divide, I don't think it would go on to
9 become a malignant cell, no.

10 Q Perhaps I have misunderstood your answer.
11 You were not saying then that abnormalities cannot
12 occur spontaneously during normal cell division, but
13 that absent some other stimulus they can proceed to a
14 malignancy?

15 A No, I'm not saying that. What I'm saying is
16 that there is a cause.

17 Q Then I am confused.

18 A There is a cause.

19 Q You do not, I don't mean to belabor this, I'm
20 trying to make sure I understand what your position is.
21 You do not think then that genetic abnormalities occur
22 through normal cell division?

23 A I think, all right, can I back up a little
24 bit to try to explain --

25 Q Certainly.

1 A -- what I mean. If you say "normal cell
2 division", that means that there is a division as a
3 result of the, division of the DNA that's present in a
4 cell. Now, if there's an abnormality in the DNA, it
5 will be magnified by the process of division and if
6 there is an abnormality in a chromosome, it may make it
7 such that only part of the chromosome goes to one cell
8 and more than a normal amount goes to the other cells.
9 So, the normal division is bringing out an abnormality.

10 But if you start off with all normal
11 chromosomes and just divide them, then you will have
12 two normal cells. So I'm not saying that division
13 doesn't, at the end of division you do have
14 abnormalities, but what I'm saying is that you start
15 off with an abnormal situation which becomes amplified
16 as a result of the division and that the chromosome
17 doesn't just --

18 Q I think I understand you now.

19 A -- blow apart.

20 Q Let's talk about a latter example. Start off
21 with a normal cell as far as we know there is nothing
22 wrong with the genetic material, you have a complete
23 set of good DNA and it undergoes normal cell division.
24 We get two cells that are exact duplicates, there are
25 no defects in them, is that what you're saying?

1 A Yes.

2 Q There are no mutations. No abnormalities can
3 occur to normal cells undergoing ordinary mitosis?

4 A Unless something has happened to them.

5 Q No external stimulus?

6 A No external stimulus at all.

7 Q That is correct?

8 A I think it highly unlikely that you would
9 have a change.

10 Q Let's take the, let's go back to your other
11 example. Let's take an abnormal cell. And you
12 indicated that mitosis on an abnormal cell might
13 enhance the abnormality or change the abnormality in
14 some way so that the two daughter cells, if we can call
15 them that, may not be identical to each other and may
16 not be identical to the cell from which they came from?

17 A Yes.

18 Q It's also, let me ask you a question, is,
19 does mitosis in genetically abnormal cells often result
20 in the death of the cells themselves?

21 A Yes.

22 Q I want to ask the mitosis question again to
23 make sure that we're on the right track. During
24 mitosis, part, as part of the process of mitosis there
25 is a complete replication of the DNA?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And then as the cells divide there is a
3 complete set of DNA, the original DNA in both new
4 cells?

5 A Normally.

6 Q Normally. And when I was asking you about
7 genetic abnormalities during mitosis that would include
8 genetic abnormalities occurring during DNA replication
9 in ordinary cells without any external stimulus?

10 A I'm not sure I'm clear on what you're asking
11 me.

12 Q Okay. I thought we were both together before
13 and now I think I have gone back.

14 A I followed you a long time, but I'm not sure
15 I'm clear.

16 Q Mitosis includes DNA replication, that's the
17 process, of course, of making a new set of the DNA?

18 A Yes.

19 Q A second set?

20 A That is the prophase.

21 Q And as the cell splits one set of the DNA
22 goes with each cell?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And with a normal cell undergoing ordinary
25 cell division we don't see abnormalities in the

1 daughter cells, is that your opinion?

2 A Yes.

3 Q When you were talking with Mr. Kearny before
4 you were discussing with him the decline in efficiency
5 of the DNA repair mechanism in the human organism as
6 part of the process of aging?

7 A Yes.

8 Q You said it starts in the teens and is a
9 linear slope that goes down over some period of time.
10 Do I assume that in the normal individual that it is of
11 one hundred percent or the maximum capacity at the
12 teen, during the teen years?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Do you know what percentage it is at at age
15 forty or age fifty in the ordinary individual, in
16 another way I'm asking you for how steep the slope?

17 A How steep is the slope? I think the slope is
18 not very steep. In other words, still at our age,
19 we're repairing most of our DNA, the great majority of
20 our DNA, so we're talking about very small percentage
21 decrease.

22 Q Can you put a figure on it?

23 A I don't know the number. I'm sure it's
24 known, but I don't know that.

25 Q I think in response to a question from Mr.

1 Kearny I think you said it was beyond the ability of
2 science to determine whether or not the causative agent
3 for initiation and the causative agent for promotion in
4 the same neoplastic cell were the same?

5 A In a clinical situation.

6 Q In a clinical situation. Does it follow from
7 that that science also cannot tell what the specific
8 causative factor for initiation is?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And similarly, for promotion?

11 A Yes.

12 Q You mentioned in your testimony when you were
13 talking about induction, and I think you mentioned the
14 different causes of induction, you talked about
15 chromosomal breaks?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Is that correct? And you described as the
18 potential causes of induction any substance or
19 condition that could cause a chromosomal break?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And I think that was pretty much the limiting
22 parameters of your answer?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Anything that can cause a chromosomal break
25 can cause initiation?

1 A Yes.

2 Q So do I take it from that that things that
3 don't cause chromosomal breaks can't cause initiation?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Are there other types of genetic
6 abnormalities besides chromosomal breaks?

7 A Well, I think the fundamental thing is the
8 break then it comes back together and it may come
9 together with either extra bases or lost bases. In
10 order to change a gene you have to at some point
11 separate it or break it. I'm not quite sure we're on
12 the same wavelength on this question.

13 Q Is transformation a genetic abnormality or
14 cause of genetic abnormality?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Is that different from a chromosomal break?

17 A To get a transformation you have to break
18 something, take the piece out, break it again and put
19 the piece in a separate place so that breaking is part
20 of the process.

21 Q Would a point mutation be a chromosomal
22 break?

23 A Yes, you would have to remove, break the
24 chromosome, take one base out, put another base in, and
25 then close it up.

1 Q Okay. I'm not sure that there are other
2 kinds of genetic abnormalities, but if there are any,
3 would there also been chromosomal breaks?

4 A They involved the breaking and remaking of
5 chromosomes.

6 Q Are you familiar with a theory of
7 carcinogenesis mechanism known as spontaneous cancer?

8 A No.

9 Q You haven't heard that term?

10 A No.

11 Q If I can describe it in a slightly different
12 way, are you aware of the theory that mutations
13 occurring in normal cells undergoing normal mitosis or
14 cell division can become malignant and lead to cancers?

15 A I'm not sure I know that theory.

16 Q I will go back a little bit further in the
17 deposition. I'm trying to wrap up as quickly as I can.
18 You had, I think, described to Mr. Young pretty early
19 on in your deposition how you reviewed the pathological
20 material for Mr. Rossi?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And I think you said that you looked at it
23 through a light microscope?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Did you and I think you also said you did not

1 use electron microscopy?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Did you used polarized light?

4 A Yes.

5 Q You did?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Did you see anything through the polarized
8 light that you did not see through the light
9 microscope?

10 A There were occasional bits of material that
11 might possibly have been silical-like, very occasional
12 bits. I used the polarized light to specifically look
13 for asbestos bodies and I didn't see any.

14 Q The silica bits, are those aso called
15 silicates, is that right?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Were they in proximity to the tumor?

18 A There were very few of them and they were
19 mainly in the lymph nodes.

20 Q Did they play any significance in your
21 diagnosis?

22 A No.

23 Q Do they play any significance in your opinion
24 concerning causation?

25 A No.

1 Q In your view could they be significant in any
2 way whatsoever?

3 A No.

4 Q I think you also indicated that the scarring
5 that you saw in the tissue was desmoplastic?

6 A Yes.

7 Q It was all desmoplastic?

8 A That was my interpretation of it.

9 Q That's your interpretation, although it is
10 difficult at times through a light microscope to
11 distinguish between mature and desmoplastic scarring?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Can a bronchogenic carcinoma which arises
14 approximate to a scar, to a mature scar?

15 A Proximal?

16 Q Proximal, around, near?

17 A Okay, you mean "proximate".

18 Q Sorry.

19 A I mean, when you use the term "proximal", I
20 would think farther up the trachial bronchiole tree.
21 You mean "adjacent to".

22 Q I will use a different term. Can a
23 bronchogenic carcinoma that appears adjacent to, near,
24 in close proximity with a mature scar, be desmoplastic?

25 A Yes.

1 Q I'm sorry. I'm looking at my notes to find
2 out what else I'd like to cover.

3 Q Can a cancer that is due to a scar, speaking,
4 of course, still of bronchogenic carcinoma, can a
5 cancer due to a scar, a mature scar also be
6 desmoplastic?

7 MS. WALTERS: Do you mean a cancer
8 caused by the scar?

9 MR. ALLINDER: Arising from.

10 A I don't think that happens.

11 Q That is not a possible --

12 A Well, I think --

13 Q Situation?

14 A Well, I think I discussed this with Mr.
15 Young. The scar is there. I can't conceive of how
16 collagen, deposited collagen can cause a cancer. So,
17 you know, I'm not following your question. I think I
18 answered Mr. Young to the effect that why I don't think
19 it's due to the scar, the scar is sort of a result
20 rather than a cause.

21 Q Going back to my questions regarding the
22 doubling time and the time between subclinical,
23 preclinical, clinical, is it altogether impossible to
24 determine when a neoplasm occurs?

25 A It depends on how precise you want to be. I

1 think it's impossible to give a date. I think it's
2 possible to give a range, but I think it's not possible
3 to give a date.

4 Q In this particular case you have given us a
5 range already of two to fifteen or two to twenty years,
6 whatever that was. Is it possible to be more precise
7 than that?

8 A Not for me.

9 Q And I am assuming that you're saying that it
10 is not possible to a reasonable degree of medical
11 probability?

12 A Yes.

13 Q To give that opinion?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Do you think that it is possible for anyone
16 within the scientific community to the same standard to
17 give that sort of opinion?

18 A No.

19 Q It is not impossible?

20 A I'm sorry. I think it is not possible for
21 anyone to do that unless they have considerably more
22 information than is available to me.

23 Q Your opinion concerning the causation, as I
24 understand it, depends upon two principal factors: your
25 diagnosis of poorly differentiated adenocarcinoma and

1 the history of smoking, is that correct?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And it is your opinion that adenocarcinoma,
4 or at least the poorly differentiated subtype that we
5 have in this case, does not occur in non-smokers?

6 A It is my opinion that it is more likely than
7 not that it occurred as a result of smoking.

8 Q That wasn't my question though. I asked, my
9 question was, is it your opinion that poorly
10 differentiated adenocarcinoma does not occur in
11 non-smokers?

12 A That is not my opinion that it does not occur
13 in non-smokers.

14 Q Do you think that, or do you agree there has
15 been an increased incidence of adenocarcinoma in the
16 United States?

17 A I think there are many indications that there
18 is an increase in the total numbers of adenocarcinoma
19 and also in the relative incidence of adenocarcinoma.

20 Q Is there a difference in the incidence of
21 adenocarcinoma between men and woman?

22 A Historically there has been. I'm not sure
23 that there is at the present time. Historically woman
24 develop more adenocarcinomas and men develop more
25 squamous cell carcinoma but as the data indicate,

1 adenocarcinomas are increasing in numbers and
2 relatively in frequency at the expense of squamous cell
3 carcinoma, so that I'm not sure that I have seen a
4 study that would give a direct comparison between men
5 and woman with relative incidence of adenocarcinoma. I
6 think the latest figures that I saw, I think, still
7 showed that men got more lung cancers in general,
8 although the woman were increasing at a much more rapid
9 rate than were the men.

10 Q Do you think the increased incidence of
11 adenocarcinoma is real?

12 A I think that as far as I can tell it is real.

13 Q Does the increased incidence of
14 adenocarcinoma suggest the possibility that there are
15 changing risk factors for that disease?

16 A It certainly rings a bell that would set
17 everyone in search of that possibility, but I think
18 that, I certainly have responded to the difference by
19 wondering if there is a differences in the etiology,
20 but I'm not sure that I have seen anything that would
21 confirm that a difference in etiology has occurred.

22 Q Does the, can the clinical course for
23 adenocarcinomas vary between individuals?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Are all adenocarcinomas desmoplastic?

1 A Not all of them, but nearly all of them.

2 Q I think rather than sitting in front of you
3 and review my notes, I would just as soon take about a
4 five minute break and reconvene, if that's okay with
5 you.

6 MR. ALLINDER: What time do you have,
7 Cindy?

8 MS. WALTERS: 5:25.

9 MR. ALLINDER: I don't think I will have
10 much more, so it appears we'll be done before
11 the end of the day. And I will try not to
12 take more than five or ten minutes to review
13 my notes. Thank you.

14 (A short recess was taken.)

15 THE WITNESS: Just for my own purposes,
16 because I'm the only non-lawyer here, except
17 for you, I understand I'm under subpoena to
18 be here tomorrow. I'm pleased if we're
19 finished today, but also I'm willing to
20 complete this Subpoena and be here tomorrow.

21 MR. YOUNG: I've issued the Subpoena.
22 I'm telling you as soon as someone says
23 they're done with all their questions, that
24 you're released from the Subpoena and won't
25 have to show up tomorrow.

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THE WITNESS: Thank you.

MR. ALLINDER: And I am, indeed, done
with my examination.

MR. YOUNG: So you're released from the
Subpoena.

(Whereupon, the deposition concluded at 5:35
p.m.)

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